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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 2420

QRP-L Digest 2420

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by "K5XU, Mike Duke" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
- 18) [116252] Re: The mW contest - AL7FS w4
by Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
- 19) [116253] Re: Free SPRAT's, Free Shipping

- by "Dennis Payton" <dpayton@fwi.com>
- 20) [116254] OT: Dayton?
by Bill <w2eb@twcnny.rr.com>
- 21) [116255] Re: Windows XP
by "Mike Yettsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 22) [116256] Re: land grab etc..ants.
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- 24) [116258] There's Something Fishy about New Year's
by Kenneth Hoglund <hoglund@wfu.edu>
- 25) [116259] RE: Dayton?
by "N8IE" <n8ie@woh.rr.com>
- 26) [116260] Re: mWatt Contest - day three - the best day yet
by "Michael C. Boatright" <ko4wx@mindspring.com>
- 27) [116261] Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@hotmail.com>
- 28) [116262] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
by David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
- 29) [116263] Re: OT: Dayton?
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
- 30) [116264] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
- 31) [116265] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>
- 32) [116266] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
- 33) [116267] Straight Key Night 2002 anyone?
by Nancy Rabel Hall <kc4iyd@yahoo.com>
- 34) [116268] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 35) [116269] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
- 36) [116270] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
by Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>
- 37) [116271] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
- 38) [116272] My deepest apologies to this list
by "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
- 39) [116273] Got the old HW-8 Fired Up!
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
- 40) [116274] Day 3 - Holiday Milliwatt Contest
by David Gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
- 41) [116275] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
- 42) [116276] QRP-L FAQ work abandoned
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 43) [116277] Re: [Elecraft] more k1 tweaking

- by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 44) [116278] Infrequent Reminder.... Re: QRP-L FAQ work abandoned
by "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@oakland.edu>
- 45) [116279] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
- 46) [116280] USS Kidd on 30 meters
by n5ib@juno.com
- 47) [116281] Help: Need new logging laptop
by "Mark S. Adams, P.E." <msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu>
- 48) [116282] Re: mWatt Contest - day three - the best day yet
by Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
- 49) [116283] N0RC webpage changes
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 50) [116284] RE: Straight Key Night 2002 anyone?
by Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
- 51) [116285] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
by William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
- 52) [116286] Arg 505 mod
by "Bill Dittrich" <rwddittrich@hotmail.com>
- 53) [116287] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@hotmail.com>
- 54) [116288] Rock Around the Clock Special Stations
by Kenneth Hoglund <hoglund@wfu.edu>
- 55) [116289] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>
- 56) [116290] Re: Correction! Re: N4HY, AB2KT...0500Zxxxx 1700Z
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 57) [116291] The 40-9er project & more tiny radio stuff
by nilsbull@juno.com
- 58) [116292] Re: Help: Need new logging laptop
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
- 59) [116293] Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>
- 60) [116294] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
- 61) [116295] Nuther source dial cord
by ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
- 62) [116296] Updated DXCC List
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
- 63) [116297] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Gil Kellersman <gilkell113@yahoo.com>
- 64) [116298] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>
- 65) [116299] FS:Spectrum Analyzer by W7ZOI/K7TAU
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
- 66) [116300] AppCAD RF design software
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
- 67) [116301] Re: Updated DXCC List

- by Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
- 68) [116302] Re: Arg 505 mod
by "Bill Dittrich" <rwddittrich@hotmail.com>
- 69) [116303] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
- 70) [116304] Vacation portable - not! [LONG]
by Stephan Greene <sgreene@patriot.net>
- 71) [116305] Re: [OT] History of Incentive Licensing
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 72) [116306] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
- 73) [116307] Re: [OT] University Clubs
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 74) [116308] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Dennis Morales" <dennismo2@home.com>
- 75) [116309] Re: [OT] History of Incentive Licensing
by "- hamhobby.com -" <k7fd@hotmail.com>
- 76) [116310] Re: AppCAD RF design software
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
- 77) [116311] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
by William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
- 78) [116312] Nice start on Stew Perry 160m Contest
by "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>
- 79) [116313] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Brian P. Milesosky" <n5zgt@swcp.com>
- 80) [116314] Re: FS:Spectrum Analyzer by W7ZOI/K7TAU
by Jim Stiles <jjstiles@optonline.net>
- 81) [116315] Re: land grab etc..ants.
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 82) [116316] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 83) [116317] Re: FS:Spectrum Analyzer by W7ZOI/K7TAU
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
- 84) [116318] CW: not just for nostalgia buffs
by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
- 85) [116319] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
- 86) [116320] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
- 87) [116321] [OT Trade] HW-8 for DX-40 or -35
by Chuck Carpenter <W5USJ@go.com>
- 88) [116322] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 89) [116323] Bashing Post 1975 Extras
by Chuck Carpenter <W5USJ@go.com>
- 90) [116324] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
- 91) [116325] RE: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)

- by Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
- 92) [116326] RE: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "res0okec" <res0okec@verizon.net>
- 93) [116327] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Michael Fletcher <kl7ixi@attbi.com>
- 94) [116328] Re: mWatt Contest
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
- 95) [116329] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by jsielke@pobox.com (John Sielke)
- 96) [116330] Michigan QRP Club Contests
by Hank Kohl <k8dd@arrl.net>
- 97) [116331] Keys
by jsielke@pobox.com (John Sielke)
- 98) [116332] No choice....
by "Tim A. King Jr." <iflyos@hotmail.com>
- 99) [116333] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by wb0wao@hotmail.com (Dennis Ponsness)
- 100) [116334] Grateful HW-16 student!
by "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@hotmail.com>
- 101) [116335] re:Keys
by kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>
- 102) [116336] QLF of the Mind
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
- 103) [116337] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
- 104) [116338] Re: QLF of the Mind
by Bill ROWLETT <kc4atu@yahoo.com>
- 105) [116339] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by n2go@arrl.net
- 106) [116340] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
- 107) [116341] Thanks fot the help
by "Rouse, Mark S." <rouse@mayo.edu>
- 108) [116342] Annual DX Competition
by "Thom Durfee WI8W" <wi8w@arrl.net>
- 109) [116343] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 110) [116344] Re: Annual DX Competition
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
- 111) [116345] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 112) [116346] OLD-NEW- Who Cares
by <jfox6@houston.rr.com>
- 113) [116347] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 114) [116348] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by Chris Howard <chris@yipypap.com>
- 115) [116349] K-10+ Keyer

by "Henry Freedenberg" <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
116) [116350] Bashing nubbies and other OT drive1
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
117) [116351] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
118) [116352] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
119) [116353] Elmer needs help!
by "blinn" <blinn@smsgazette.com>
120) [116354] Hang on Caity
by "Tom Pennebaker" <n4rs@netpath-rc.net>
121) [116355] QRP-L Stress Redux
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
122) [116356] Re: Elmer needs help
by <jfox6@houston.rr.com>
123) [116357] Re: Lettuce not... bash...
by Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
124) [116358] BS:Re: Bashing nubbies and other OT drive1 + QRP content
by "Harry Hurst" <wa3ptg@home.com>

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 15:53:34 -0800
From: Patrick Armstrong <aa7fg@gte.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116235] K1 plus extras sold...
Message-ID: <3C2D05FE.C7DB4453@gte.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Many thanks to all for the interest in the K1 package, but the items
have been sold...

Pat, AA7FG

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 18:05:01 -0600
From: Jim <sunwatt@starband.net>
To: QRPp-L <QRPp-I@yahoogroups.com>, QRP-L <qrp-L@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116236] Malfunction junction (attempt at mW contest)
Message-ID: <3C2D08AD.7A72E0B8@starband.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Finally got the 40-9er setup, keyer functioning and see my antenna SWR's are bad. What a day its been!

The 49-9er takes a phono jack. So to attach my paddles, I had to figure a way to get the paddles stereo jack into that. Cobble an adapter together, or use my Tick keyer. Naturally the battery for the Tick was run down, so I located some 3.7v cordless phone btry packs, and one was charged.

Back to the cables. That takes a cable with a phono jack at one end and a stereo jack on the other. So I finally found one and it was bad. Took me awhile to understand that. How can a brand new cable be bad? So I found another after making a big mess searching. I got it working, set the power at 200mW, and then I tested my antenna. Geeeeezzzzz.

I'll try again next year.

Jim KJ5TF

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 16:00:48 -0800
From: Patrick Armstrong <aa7fg@gte.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116237] FS: OHR WM-2 QRP Wattmeter
Message-ID: <3C2D07B0.5BF323DD@gte.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

WM-2 meter in excellent condition with manual... \$85.00

Pat, AA7FG - Oregon

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 18:16:20 -0600
From: "Pat J. Whelton" <pwhelton@hal-pc.org>
To: <fxtech@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116238] Re: Headphones...
Message-ID: <00bd01c18ffe\$0c638b40\$d5f9fea9@halpc.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Pat - KZ5J

----- Original Message -----

From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 5:49 PM

Subject: Headphones...

> UPS finally delivered my new headphones today, and thought I'd share
> this with you guys, since I think that they are about the best I've ever
> had. They are model number MDR-V6 headphones made by Sony. I'd been
> looking around for a nice set for a while, and a buddy of mine that
> works in the studios out here recommended this model number. They aren't
> cheap, at ~\$80.00, but the sound is great. I hooked them up to my DSW-40
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> sound. I'm going to try them out a bit more tonight. The neat thing is
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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 16:28:58 -0800

From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>

To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [116239] Stew perry 160m cw contest this weekend

Message-ID: <MABBJOEABOILMKCJCLFCCEDOC PAA.n6wg@earthlink.net>

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This weekend, starting at 1500Z Saturday morning, 7AM here on the left coast, the Stew Perry 160m cw contest gets underway. It runs to 1500Z Sunday morning, with stations working up to 14 hours max.

There is an extra incentive this year for QRO stations to work QRP stations, as they will receive extra points for their effort.

For this to happen, a QRP station has to make at least 10 contacts, and turn in a log. Then, anyone in the log gets a x2 multiplier for his contact with that station.

The actual points will vary, as they are based on distance. This contest uses grid squares, and distance is taken from the center of each station's grid square. You get one point for each 500 km between the two stations, so a contact over 1750 km would get 4 distance points plus 1 point for making the contact. Anyone working a QRPer gets to double his points for that contact.

This will be my third year in the contest, and I'm hoping to better my scores from the previous two years. I hope to hear a lot of QRPers in there, letting the others know we are around and alive and healthy.

Info on the contest is at <http://www.jzap.com/k7rat/>
This is the site for the Boring, OR, Amateur Radio Club, the sponsor.

Please come on in and join the fun.
See you in the contest.
73, Bob N6WG

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 19:36:31 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <rmccarty@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116240] RE: Windows XP
Message-ID: <20011229003725.EFFY21852.imf22bis.bellsouth.net@[192.168.0.21]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 12/23/01 1:24 PM, Roger A. McCarty at rmccarty@earthlink.net wrote:

>Another fwiw, My experiences with XP EXACTLY duplicates Dean's
>descriptions to the letter. I have used EVERY OS from the time before
>Windows existed and I find XPpro to be the most reliable and user

>friendly OS I have used to date (including OS2 and Linux).

Definitely not a Mac user....

>On the other hand I really HATE what MS is doing with this Gestapo Big
>Brother online registration process. I hope this blows up in their face.
>My heart cannot bleed for one of the richest men on the planet crying
>about software theft.

Yet another good reason to buy a Macintosh....

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 19:37:20 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <raysills@1stconnect.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116241] Re: Windows XP
Message-ID: <20011229003833.MGSC1236.imf16bis.bellsouth.net@[192.168.0.21]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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On 12/24/01 2:37 PM, Ray Sills at raysills@1stconnect.com wrote:

>That makes it sound like Microsoft is making it's customers pay for beta
>software.

Microsoft has been doing that for years and years.

The real irony is that people pay top dollar for it, too.

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From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>, "QRP" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116242] Re: Windows XP
Message-ID: <20011229003950.YJIW11348.imf15bis.bellsouth.net@[192.168.0.21]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 12/24/01 8:48 PM, David Hinerman at wd8civ@worldnet.att.net wrote:

>The saying "Never buy Version 1 of anything" doesn't just apply to Windows.

No, but Microsoft is the company that gave x.0 releases a really bad rap.

There are other good companies that actually TRY to QA a product before releasing it.

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To: "Pat J. Whelton" <pwhelton@hal-pc.org>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116243] Re: Headphones...
Message-ID: <00cb01c19003\$925f3820\$259fb2d1@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Pat,

They completely surround your ear cutting off all outside noise. This model is often referred to as a studio monitor. I had the dryer running today just outside this room when I was on the air and couldn't hear a thing except the radio. They really are great headphones!

72/73's
Trev

KG6CYN

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From: Pat J. Whelton <pwhelton@hal-pc.org>

To: <fxtech@earthlink.net>; Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
<qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 4:16 PM

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 20:05:18 EST
From: K5BDZ@aol.com
To: w6toy@erols.com, hqrp@stevens.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu,
GQRP@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [116244] Correction to VFO Caps etc
Message-ID: <c6.42265bb.295e70ce@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 12/28/2001 1:40:16 PM Central Standard Time,
w6toy@erols.com writes:

> Bill,
>
> Actually, since the tuning curve depends on the capacitors capacity
> curve, it ..(the tuning curve)..will be no different whether the capacitor
is in series or parallel! You might want to correct any wrong impressions
you gave the
> list! I have a lot of experience designing VFO's
> 73

Bruce's astitute comments are true...I goofed in my too-broad statement
regarding "linear scale" when simply using a VFO coil tap to lessen the
tuning range of a "too large pF variable capacitor." It's more detailed than
I led all to believe.

However the VFO osc coil can be tapped to great advantage to builders and it
is an oft ignored means of better utilizing parts on hand to build,
especially the very hard to find variable capacitor of "just the right
value"...

A special THANKS to Bruce for catching my blunder and an even greater thanks
to him for kindly "privately" noting to me my mistake to me that I could
correct my own error. Courtesy is contageous.

Bill K5BDZ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 01:46:46 +0000
From: "Jim Larsen" <al7fs2001@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116245] The mW contest - AL7FS w4
Message-ID: <F193doUL8VGyA7eG5yh0000e537@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Well, that was a surprise. I did not expect QSOs today and now I am glad I checked the bands. I did quit early as I didn't want to be running the 5 watts it took to be heard at the end. I only had that one QSO at that level.

I worked 23 QSOs in about an hour and 45 minutes. State count looks like 15 or so. ME, NJ, FL, CO, ID, WI, AL, NM, CA, MA, MD, VA, PA, OK, TX. The w1 (100mW) stations were in ME, WI, VA, AND TX with w2 contacts in FL and w4/5 in NJ and MD. I was running w4 or 400 mW except for my last QSO with TX on 20 meters. I can't help but wonder if that WD3P was running his K1 on the 9 volt battery again as he was w5 again.

I managed to reduce my Watts per WAS by about 11.7 watts if my notes are correct. I will eventually get the totals under 50 watts for 50 states.

My thanks to each of you and to those I did not manage to hear. I know there were a couple I just could not pull out.

I vote for more milliwatt contests while we still have the chance. They are certainly fun.

OT: JFF (Just for fun) I went through my QSLs in the desk drawer and found I have cards for 40 states. Maybe it is time to go get the rest.

73, Jim
Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 17:57:17 -0800
From: "* k7fd@hamhobby.com *" <k7fd@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [116246] Here's the SKNny...
Message-ID: <F248MozgYLowspDKicU0000d989@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hope to work you during the upcoming SKN...

...I'll be ringing in the New Year somewhere near 7.040MHz...

HNY! 73, John K7FD

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<http://www.hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:07:36 -0500
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
<fpqrp-1@mpna.com>
Subject: [116247] MW contest
Message-ID: <003201c1900d\$96559410\$21dd1b41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well that was fun...

Ran the Club call W8PIG at 50 milliwatts on 40 and 20 but only tonight
to help pass out some points. Worked the following...

on 20 meters...

AJ4AY 339 AL Jay 200 mW
K4LKL 539 FL Paul 100 mW
WQ4RP 499 CA Jim 1W (could have been W6EU)
W5ROK 559 TX Dennis 900mW
AF4PS 559 FL Mac 500mW

on 40 meters...

AF4PS 559 FL Mac 500mW
K4LKL 49 FL Paul 500mW
WQ4RP 559 NC Paul 100mW
WE9K 559 WI Glenn 500mW

Something weird about that WQ4RP call :-)

-Diz, W8DIZ

PS: Got great reports running 50 mW on 20 meters;
wish there was another points category for even lower power.

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 19:09:17 -0700
From: "Dean Rachwitz" <drachwitz@home.com>
To: <w3cde@bellsouth.net>
Cc: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116248] RE: Windows XP
Message-ID: <000c01c1900d\$d22291a0\$0100a8c0@mesa1.az.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jerry,

You said, "It sure sounds like you have not tried to reregister your product after an upgrade. After all of the aggravation and a long gray beard, you can get a new key... Usually after days of time and much time on the phone..."

It sounds like you have not tried to 'reactivate' (the correct term) Windows XP - at least not the default way. I recently had to reactivate after a motherboard replacement and it took all of ten seconds.

If XP thinks you have tried to install it on a completely different machine (meaning you are possibly using an illegal copy) then it may ask you to contact MS directly. When I replaced the motherboard, it replaced several of the hardware devices WPA monitors, such as the IDE controller, sound card, network interface card, etc. If this significant upgrade didn't trigger my having to call MS, I don't know what would, short of installing it on another PC altogether.

I DID have to call Microsoft once to reactivate, after moving one copy of XP from one machine to another. It only took me only a few minutes to get through, and then only a few more minutes with the MS rep before he gave me the OK.

The big stink over WPA seems to be unjustified. Yes, it is harder for people to get away with 'casual copying' now, but other than that, there's nothing really to gripe about.

Just MHO.

73,

Dean
K7ADN

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of
W3CDE Jerry L.

Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2001 4:52 PM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Re: Windows XP

Chuck,

It sure sounds like you have not tried to reregister your product after an upgrade. After all of the aggravation and a long gray beard, you can get a new key... Usually after days of time and much time on the phone...

I totally agree with you on the licensing, as to legality. The problem has not been with the home user with two machines, but the Asian countries and the millions of illegal copies they sell with no return to MS.

Jerry
W3CDE

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 02:27:19 +0000

From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [116249] mWatt Contest - day three - the best day yet

Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20011229022102.02144488@pop.erols.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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This was one fun contest.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
<http://www.qsl.net/wd3p/>

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 20:30:15 -0600
From: "K5XU, Mike Duke" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116250] Antron A99 Questions
Message-ID: <000f01c19011\$128da100\$88d594d0@k5xu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have three questions as I'm considering the instalation of this antenna for use on the upper hf bands.

Is the add-on radial kit worth the extra cost and weight?

How high above should the intenna be installed?

Since I intend to use it on 10, 12, and 15 meters, where should I tune it during initial set-up?

Mike Duke, K5XU, President
American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 20:32:06 -0600
From: "K5XU, Mike Duke" <k5xu@netdoor.com>

To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116251] re-stringing receiver dials
Message-ID: <001001c19011\$1333f320\$88d594d0@k5xu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A friend needs to re-string a dial in a Radio Shack portable multi-band receiver.

What kind of cord will work best for this project?

Mike Duke, K5XU, President
American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 02:38:52 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: al7fs2001@hotmail.com,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116252] Re: The mW contest - AL7FS w4
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20011229023413.02155d20@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 01:46 AM 12/29/2001 +0000, Jim Larsen wrote:

>last QSO with TX on 20 meters. I can't help but wonder if that WD3P was
>running his K1 on the 9 volt battery again as he was w5 again.

Nope, This time it was the K2 - I couldn't get you at W1 or W3, so I
kicked it up to W5. The 2xQRPP was sufficient for me. I've already got AK
in the log once at W1, so it would not have been a new power record into
AK.....Besides I don't think anyone has put the K1 on 10
meters.....yet.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
<http://www.qsl.net/wd3p/>

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:03:03 -0500
From: "Dennis Payton" <dpayton@fwi.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: <kw3u@warwick.net>
Subject: [116253] Re: Free SPRAT's, Free Shipping
Message-ID: <016f01c19015\$57dd04e0\$d5a854d1@locke>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Twenty-nine people put their name in for the SPRAT's and Jim, KW3U is the winner. I've got them packed into a Priority Mail envelope Jim, and should be able to mail them tomorrow, so you should have them by the middle of next week.

Thanks for the notes many of you wrote and I feel badly that I don't have more to give away. I even considered giving up a few from my own library.....for about .001 second! :-)

72, Denny N9JXY

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:07:26 -0600
From: Bill <w2eb@twcnny.rr.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116254] OT: Dayton?
Message-ID: <3C2D417E.3B2FF257@twcnny.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Anyone with Hamvention experience have a thought about this? Any locals?

73 & Tnx in advance,

Bill

w2EB

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:11:21 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <aa4lr@arrl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116255] Re: Windows XP
Message-ID: <004b01c19016\$7f29a340\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> The real irony is that people pay top dollar for it, too.

The real irony is that people pay top dollar for Mac hardware for years
and get nothing but routines that try to emulate hardware....

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. If you want
a blast attack at Macs, keep going.

Mike

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:33:56 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: hamjoel@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116256] Re: land grab etc..ants.
Message-ID: <3C2D39A4.3861B0C9@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Joel.

Frankly, the old Extras might think they should have a quiet spot in
this world of give away's. I know I like it, but then I am old and
crotchety. Also, I would put any "old" extra, from say before 1975, up
against any new extra for technical competence! The new extras know a
lot about new modes, but not a lot about being hams!

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:09:54 -0600
From: "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116257] Re: Windows XP
Message-ID: <009301c1901e\$adfc5b60\$8611a541@intern01>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Where's the list cops when people start whining about Microsoft? THAT sure
as hell ain't qrp related but no one moans about it...

Btw... WE GET IT! SOME OF YOU DON'T LIKE MICROSOFT! WE'VE HEARD IT ALL
BEFORE! PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO INSERT YOUR PASSIFIER IN YOUR MOUTH! NOT
ONLY WILL THIS HELP SOOTH YOUR BAD BABY MOOD, BUT IT WILL PUT SOMETHING IN
YOUR MOUTH TO PLUG IT UP SO THE REST OF US DON'T HAVE TO HEAR IT YOUR
MOANING AND GROANING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WE GET IT ALREADY!

72/73/oo

Rob, kc0bom

ARRL; FP Qrp -330; Live-Wire #442; IA QRP #143; SOC #497; QRPP-I #19

Visit my website! <http://www.qsl.net/kc0bom>

AIM - kc0bom, jimrob4 MSN - jimrob@jetnetinc.net

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:07:45 -0500
From: Kenneth Hoglund <hoglund@wfu.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116258] There's Something Fishy about New Year's
Message-ID: <3C2D4191.98915C68@wfu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ever wonder about those repeating pattern things? Like Jim Kortge

K8IQY's design--lot's of 2222 things floating about. Or those little Ft. Smith (AKA NJQRP, AKA NORCAL) TT 2 thingies. Then there's this Straight Key Night thing, taking place on the first day of 2002. Yup, some kinda pattern is floating about the ionosphere.

And, with many thanks to Ed Hare W1RFI, there's something else fishy about the New Year besides 2's. For "Rock Around the Clock," the original, the one and only DeMaw Tuna Tin will be the featured rig of the event. Thanks to some very supportive area hams, the Greater Piedmont QRP Club will be using the call and facilities of the Forsyth ARC here in Winston-Salem NC to pump milliwatts into the ether.

So, if the receiver's on Jan. 1, 2002 and you hear W4WS calling CQ from its mighty 70 foot high beam, give a shout back. And if you're intending to enter the "Rock Around the Clock" event, know that a successful qso with the DeMaw is a mega-multiplier, well worth the hunt.

73

Ken KG4FGC

Rules at <http://www.wfu.edu/~hoglund/Roc.htm>

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:19:40 -0500
From: "N8IE" <n8ie@woh.rr.com>
To: <w2eb@twcnny.rr.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116259] RE: Dayton?
Message-ID: <KHEKJAKPCEKFOHMPKJPDIEADCBAA.n8ie@woh.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bill,

Check the list, I think there are some rooms at the Ramada Inn for FDIM.

Also, Dayton is by no means a big city. I'm local to the area and can give you a few tips if you need them.

Come on to Dayton, you won't be let down!

72, oo

Dan, N8IE

FPQRP #-6, FISTS #4985

QRP-1 #1404, ARCI #11003

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of Bill

Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 11:07 PM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: OT: Dayton?

OK Folks,

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w2EB

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:23:40 -0500

From: "Michael C. Boatright" <ko4wx@mindspring.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, lejek@erols.com

Cc: North Georgia QRP Club <nogaqrp@qth.net>

Subject: [116260] Re: mWatt Contest - day three - the best day yet

Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20011228231201.0225a0c0@pop.mindspring.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Larry,

Your 100mW sounded good into Georgia tonight, both on 20 and 40. Will be glad to exchange 2xQRPP cards with you...

Man, wasn't 40 trash??? QSB there was almost as bad as the QRM. Heard N9NE on 40, but he disappeared into the QRM. Would have been cool to work him on 40/20/15.

Anyway, after working mostly the same bunch of folks on 40/20/15 in the first 2 hours, I called it quits when my wife got home at 7pm. Really is a tough time for a contest, right at dinner time, East Coast. Couldn't make

it any of the other days either.

But truly amazing what 100mW into an 80M loop hooked to a K2's receiver sounds like!

Had fun, for sure. Do think that there should be some kind of bonus for BEING a CLUB station...

HOLIDAY MW CONTEST - 12-28-2001 NQ4RP/K04WX

TIME	FREQ/MODE	CALL	SENT	RCVD	NEW
MLT.	POINTS				
2202 21	/CW	K0ZK	559GAMIKW1	559 ME ARN W1	__ME__
____16____					
2210 21	/CW	N9NE	559GAMIKW1	559 WI TODD W1	__WI__
____16____					
2233 14	/CW	N9NE	559GAMIKW1	559 WI TODD W1	_____
____16____					
2238 14	/CW	K4LKL	559GAMIKW1	559 FL PAUL W1 CLUB	__FL__
____16____	+4000				
2243 14	/CW	WB3P	559GAMIKW1	559 MD LARRY W1	__MD__
____16____					
2248 14	/CW	W0AV	559GAMIKW1	559 MO GEORGE W5	__MO__
____16____					
2253 14	/CW	K4BYF	559GAMIKW1	559 FL JACK W1	_____
____16____					
2300 14	/CW	K0ZK	559GAMIKW1	559 ME ARN W1	_____
____16____					
2312 14	/CW	W1PID	559GAMIKW1	559 NH JIM 5W	__NH__
____16____					
2324 14	/CW	W5R0K	559GAMIKW1	559 TX BILL W9 CLUB	__TX__
____16____	+1000				
2345 7	/CW	KG4IKQ	559GAMIKW1	559 FL JIM 700MW	_____
____16____					
2351 7	/CW	WB3P	559GAMIKW1	449 MD LARRY W1	_____
____16____					
____192____					
				T O T A L S :	__7__

TOTAL SCORE: 192 PTS * 7 SPCS * 2 J'S + 5000 BONUS = 7688

All QSO's were made at just slightly under 100mW (3V rectified into a 50 Ohm dummy load)

72 de Mike, K04WX

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Michael C. Boatright

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:27:51 -0700
From: "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116261] Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <F12C0Sg1RUDf9PJFAOK00012f9c@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

This might be a silly question, but I'm trying get my old HW-16 back on
before SKN. The last time I had it fired up I got a RST of 564? I listened
to my note and discovered it's raw AC! Ooops! So, my question is how do I
locate the culprit(BAD cap)? My scope says nothing more than 400 V at the
input! The Hw-16 is capable of 350-700Vdc! Testing unpowered electrolytics
incircuit with a ohm meter doesn't show me anything. Brute force method
would be to replace ALL the filter caps. Now that would be silly! The RX
didn't show any sign of hum(AC)? OTBW- I plan to run this guy at QRP
levels. Suggestions of either items would be appreciated. Tks!

OT - Any one else having bounced emails throuh QSL.net? Had to signup with
other ISP to get through to QRP-L what a mess?

Steve/n0tu

Send and receive Hotmail on your mobile device: <http://mobile.msn.com>

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:27:11 -0500
From: David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116262] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20011228232711.0079cc70@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 08:32 PM 12/28/01 -0600, you wrote:
>A friend needs to re-string a dial in a Radio Shack portable multi-band
>receiver.
>
>What kind of cord will work best for this project?

Mike,

At the risk of sounding trite, I suggest dial cord. You can still find it by mail order sometimes - maybe at some of the surplus or antique radio parts places. In a pinch, you might be able to rob the cord from a junked radio.

I've never really found a suitable replacement - dial cord must be very strong and stretch very little. I've wondered if some dental floss braided together to make a heavier cord might work, but I've never tried it.

I hope your friend either has a picture of the cord routing, or can remember it very well. Restrunging dial cords ranks with quantum physics and black magic in terms of difficulty.

Dave

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:35:01 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116263] Re: OT: Dayton?

Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20011228232339.00ad6c30@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 10:07 PM 12/28/2001 -0600, Bill wrote:

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>locals?
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>
>Bill
>w2EB

Bill, Dayton is a fairly easy city to drive in. You might want to make it a
several
day stay there.... the Air Force museum is awesome. The last time I went there
they had a Stealth fighter and watching people trying to get a picture of
it with ultrasonic
focus cameras provided my son and I with a few chuckles. :-)
Take lots of raingear to the hamfest!!!

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:47:47 -0500
From: David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116264] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20011228234747.0079cc20@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 09:27 PM 12/28/01 -0700, you wrote:

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Steve,

You can get an idea if it's an electrolytic filter cap by connecting a known good cap with similar ratings in parallel with an existing cap using clip leads. (Be REALLY careful - we're talking lethal voltages here.) If the hum is reduced when the new cap is connected, most likely the old cap it's connected to needs replaced.

Keep in mind, too, that power supply ripple may not be evident with a scope (or an AC voltmeter coupled through a high-voltage cap) unless there's a load on it. If you're probing for ripple with a scope, you need to do it while transmitting.

Just don't try to regulate the TX oscillator plate supply the way one of my teachers in college did. I sold him my old HW-16 and he got complaints of chirp when keying. I guess that was a common enough problem on the HW-16. Anyway, he figured that since he was an electronic teacher, he could figure out a voltage regulator circuit for the osc. stage. He ended up with the basic shunt regulator - a series resistor with a voltage reference (in this case a voltage regulator tube) paralleled with a bypass cap to ground. Except he didn't have a VR tube, so he subbed two neon light bulbs in series - everybody knows that a neon bulb "fires" at 63 volts, so two in series makes 126 volts. Just about right.

The problem is, when a neon bulb fires the voltage across it goes to about 2 volts - it doesn't stay at 63 volts. My teacher had just built a relaxation oscillator (with a frequency of about 800 Hz by all reports) and was using it to power (i.e. modulate) his crystal oscillator.

It didn't chirp any more - I guess it was more like a howl.

Dave

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 04:52:31
From: "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>
To: n0tu@hotmail.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116265] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <F1564YZ4hZh59VwHfVt00012343@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Turn it on for a while with the HV turned on then check (very carefully) for a hot cap!
73/72 - Mike WA8BXN

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:03:53 -0600
From: "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
To: <n0tu@hotmail.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116266] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <00ca01c19026\$3863b4e0\$8611a541@intern01>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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72/73/oo
Rob, kc0bom
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From: Steve Galchutt <n0tu@hotmail.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 10:27 PM
Subject: Finding a BAD filter cap?

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Steve/n0tu

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 21:09:08 -0800 (PST)
From: Nancy Rabel Hall <kc4iyd@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116267] Straight Key Night 2002 anyone?
Message-ID: <20011229050908.44597.qmail@web14604.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hi all,

Looks like I will be in town this year during New Year's Eve and am interested in participating in SKN 2002. I've never participated in it before and have only participate in one other CW contest. That contest was in early 98 and before I had my daughter. The little one is 3 now and she can recite both the OM's and my callsign when we put the mic in front of her...makes a ham mom proud!

Anyway, I'm looking for general suggestions from those of you who have or will be participating in SKN. Stuff like... how to start (I know calling CQ will be one answer), what frequencies to listen in on, etc. I intend to start practicing on the morse machine to get my speed up.

Thanks and maybe I can contact some of the you on this list.

Nancy
kc4iyd/8

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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:20:00 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: <kc0bom@arrl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116268] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <000f01c19028\$771549e0\$6501a8c0@agilent.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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Happy Holidays
73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

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Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 10:03 PM
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Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:49:30 -0600
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: rod@n0rc.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116269] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <3C2D596A.907AF892@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

FWIW, the reflector site is QTH.NET, not qsl.net. The latter hosts web sites while the former hosts reflectors.

QTH.NET has recently begun the changeover to a new operating system: from the old Majordomo to the new Mailman. In the process, all lists have to be moved to the new system which is now a more subscriber-self-administered affair than before.

The list administrator of each list is responsible for taking care of any details that Al and Tim miss, so contact him/her with any problems.

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe SOC 262 COG 8
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting better!
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

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> 73, Rod N0RC
> Ft Collins, CO

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 00:38:40 -0500
From: Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>
To: wd8civ@worldnet.att.net,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116270] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
Message-ID: <4.1.20011229003716.009777e0@localhost>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Braided Dacron Fishing line works well. Limited Stretch, sufficient surface grab to work the dial mechanism and knots easily. Check any sporting goods center.

Cheers!

73's
Dave WA4EMR/8

At 11:27 PM 12/28/2001 -0500, David Hinerman wrote:

>At 08:32 PM 12/28/01 -0600, you wrote:

>>A friend needs to re-string a dial in a Radio Shack portable multi-band
>>receiver.

>>

>>What kind of cord will work best for this project?

>

>Mike,

>

>At the risk of sounding trite, I suggest dial cord. You can still find it
>by mail order sometimes - maybe at some of the surplus or antique radio
>parts places. In a pinch, you might be able to rob the cord from a junked
>radio.

>

>I've never really found a suitable replacement - dial cord must be very
>strong and stretch very little. I've wondered if some dental floss braided
>together to make a heavier cord might work, but I've never tried it.

>

>I hope your friend either has a picture of the cord routing, or can
>remember it very well. Restringing dial cords ranks with quantum physics
>and black magic in terms of difficulty.

>

>Dave

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>-----

>Dave Hinerman
>WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 23:37:16 -0600
From: "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
To: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116271] Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <00ed01c1902a\$e40d7d40\$8611a541@intern01>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I know where this list is ran from Rod :^)

I was referring to the fact that qsl.net is making changes to it's system
and that might possibly have something to do with his troubles.

72/73/oo
Rob, kc0bom
ARRL; FP Qrp -330; Live-Wire #442; IA QRP #143; SOC #497; QRPp-I #19

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From: Rod N0RC <rod@n0rc.com>
To: <kc0bom@arrl.net>; Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
<qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 11:20 PM
Subject: Re: Finding a BAD filter cap?

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 00:00:22 -0600
From: "Rob Matherly" <kc0bom@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116272] My deepest apologies to this list
Message-ID: <010001c1902e\$1c3c6520\$8611a541@intern01>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Apparently I know nothing of e-mail and my "interference" is causing those who know nothing of e-mail (of which I am apparently one) to become confused. If there is anyone on this list that is as lowly, stupid, and ignorant as I apparently am, please accept my deepest apologies for being born.

Oh high council of qrp-1 elders, I DEEPLY apologize for forcing you to have to witness my ignorance. OH SPARE ME O LORDS THAT ARE SMARTER THAN I!

72/73/oo
Rob, kc0bom
ARRL; FP Qrp -330; Live-Wire #442; IA QRP #143; SOC #497; QRPp-I #19

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AIM - kc0bom, jimrob4 MSN - jimrob@jetnetinc.net

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 22:17:06 -0800
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116273] Got the old HW-8 Fired Up!
Message-ID: <000701c19030\$75dafb80\$17a0b2d1@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Fired up the ol' HW-8 tonight with a SK (J-38) and figured out that

since I've been using Paddles that my fist has gone bad so to speak, Hi!
Anyway, could use some on the air time, so send me an e-mail if your up
and want to try for a QSO.

Trev
KG6CYN

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 00:20:18 -0600
From: David Gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116274] Day 3 - Holiday Milliwatt Contest
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20011228221326.00a452c0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Howdy,

Day 3 was definitely the better day. Fourteen QSO's across 15-20-40m with
seven club contacts to help bring-up the numbers. 28,799 points today added
to 14,448 points yesterday for a claimed score of 43,247.

Reporting a nice 10mW contact with K4LKL/C on 20m that really made my day.
Thanks Paul! And, a 50mW on 40m to KF4VTM/C (N4ROA). Dan always hears all!

Used a wonderful old Argo 515 and a St. Louis Express portable vertical
over an even dozen St. Louis Radials.

Thank you AE4IC and KL-QRP for scheduling, underwriting, promoting and
managing this contest. It is my favorite QRP event of the year.

To my ears, participation was up significantly over 2000. That says
something very positive about growing interest in QRPP pursuits. As they
say, "just wait until next year!"

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:02:08 +0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>

To: k5xu@netdoor.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116275] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
Message-ID: <F68MPKg4dBd8lfhQTdH000113a9@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: "K5XU, Mike Duke" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
>Reply-To: k5xu@netdoor.com
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: re-stringing receiver dials
>Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2001 20:32:06 -0600
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>
>
>Mike Duke, K5XU, President
>American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs
>
>

Here you are:

<http://www.direct-components.com/page1.htm>

73, Leon

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Leon Heller, G1HSM Tel: +44 1327 359058 Email:leon_heller@hotmail.com
My web page: http://www.geocities.com/leon_heller
My low-cost Altera Flex design kit: <http://www.leonheller.com>

MSN Photos is the easiest way to share and print your photos:
<http://photos.msn.com/support/worldwide.aspx>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 05:33:13 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116276] QRP-L FAQ work abandoned
Message-ID: <000701c19064\$fbfe7050\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

I've lost the motivation to go any further with the QRP-L FAQ. I have removed material located at:
<http://www.radioactivehams.com/~n0rc/qrp/faq.html>

I still believe that a well maintained FAQ will go a long way toward enhancing QRP-L's usefulness. But the time and energy required are too steep of a time investment for me. I reprioritized my activities to focus on other interests.

Happy Holidays
73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 06:34:37 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Elecraft-list" <elecraft@qth.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116277] Re: [Elecraft] more k1 tweaking
Message-ID: <000701c1906d\$8fe614a0\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Mystery resolved.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Elecraft-list" <elecraft@qth.net>; "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2001 12:10 PM
Subject: [Elecraft] more k1 tweaking

> Folks,
>
...
> A mystery to me is the XFIL/TONE line fed into the AF
> stage via C72. Ideas on why that is done?
>

The XFIL/TONE line is dual function, XFIL supplies the control signal to vary the XTAL filter width via the varactors. TONE is the sidetone during XMIT. C72 injects the tone into the final audio amp.

Happy Holidays
73, Rod NØRC
Ft Collins, CO

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:23:36 -0500 (EST)
From: "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@oakland.edu>
To: Rod NØRC <rod@n0rc.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116278] Infrequent Reminder.... Re: QRP-L FAQ work abandoned
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.4.21.0112290918110.14902-100000@saturn4.acs.oakland.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

QRP-L Help Files are still available here:

<http://www.oakland.edu/~prvalko/qrp1c.htm>

It's not a FAQ, per se. You won't find FAQs such as "What is Norcal?" or the classic, "Is there a QRP Club in Michigan?"

Nor will you learn why Microsoft software is so inferior to LINUX.

BUT... you will find out how to unsubscribe, postpone, how to stay on topic, etc.

73! =paul= W8KC
Collector of Ten*Tecs and other fine plastics.
Visit the Virtual Ten*Tec Museum at:
<<http://www.acs.oakland.edu/~prvalko>>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 08:33:06 -0600
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: "'n0tu@hotmail.com'" <n0tu@hotmail.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116279] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <01C19043.70F68FE0.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
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I guess they can fail in a couple of ways--increased leakage and loss of capacitance (as electrolyte dries out).

Tube rig caps are usually small (8 uF) typical, so a lot of the multi-meters that read C will handle them.

For leakage, I usually measure it with a series limiting resistor sized to keep current "reasonable" even if the cap shorts completely. Say you're going to test with 300 VDC and you want to limit current to 10 mA -- use a 30K resistor. Might want to make that a power resistor. If the cap is shorted, it'll absorb 3 watts at 300 volts. I hook my DVM (capable of reading below 1 ma) in series with the cap and resistor and start stepping up the voltage. Of course, this is with caps that have been in someone's attic for 25 years. Yours have already become acquainted with 400 VDC so I guess you can bypass the variable supply. I'd like to see less than 1 ma leakage, but that's subjective. (Until somebody tells me the rules.)

Back to capacitance. Say you don't have anything to directly measure it. I'd suggest a method similar to what I use for big filter chokes (out of the range of my AADE). Figure the reactance at 60 Hz. For 8 uF, that would be 332 ohms. Put a similar sized resistor (300 to 500 ohms) in series with it and apply say, 12 volts AC.

Measure the voltages across C and R as V_c and V_r .

Now, the current (i) equals V_r/R .

And the capacitive reactance (X_c) equals V_c/i .

>From the formula for capacitive reactance, $C = 1/(2\pi f X_c)$. BTW--guys who work in power know that $2\pi f$ at 60 Hz is 377.

So $C = 1/(377 X_c)$.

Say you measured (calculated) 1 ma and had 5 VAC across your 8 uF capacitor. So $X_c = 5/(0.001) = 500$ ohms.

And $C = (1/(377*500)) = 5.3 \text{ uF}$. Hey--that old 8 uF cap lost a little!

72 & happy measuring.

Nick, WA5BDU

(I expect to see you on SKN)

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From: Steve Galchutt [SMTP:n0tu@hotmail.com]
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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:42:05 EST
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [116280] USS Kidd on 30 meters
Message-ID: <20011229.083614.4647.0.n5ib@juno.com>

Baton Rouge, LA, Saturday 1435Z

I'm heading down to the riverfront to install a new logging computer on the USS Kidd, DD-661. The river is at flood satge and I thinks the Kidd is floating free of her cradle. I'll get pictures if that's the case.

I hope to get W5KID on 30 meters (~ 10.115 MHz) around 1600Z for a few contacts. Give a listen. As always, QRPers can QSL direct to me and skip the SASE

72

Jim N5IB

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:45:07 -0500

From: "Mark S. Adams, P.E." <msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, cq-contest@contesting.com

Subject: [116281] Help: Need new logging laptop

Message-ID: <301793150.1009619107@ubppp233-95.dialin.buffalo.edu>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Content-Disposition: inline

Hi Gang,

During a nice run in the RAC last night, the HD on my Compaq 486/SL25 died. Time to replace with a newer model.

Has anyone bought a computer from one of the internet sites like www.notebookmall.com ?

Seems I can get a 266MHz pentium, cd, etc. for under \$500.

Are there any laptops that are PERFECT for /P logging due to connection layout, TFT monitor, cheap batteries or direct use of 12V (like my dead Compaq)?

Thanks,
Mark K2QO

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:05:34 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: ko4wx@mindspring.com,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116282] Re: mWatt Contest - day three - the best day yet
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20011229145500.02181748@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 11:23 PM 12/28/2001 -0500, Michael C. Boatright wrote:

>Larry,

>

>Your 100mW sounded good into Georgia tonight, both on 20 and 40. Will be
>glad to exchange 2xQRPP cards with you...

I should be sending off an SASE to you when I get the log organized. I think I'm going to start collecting the cards for WAS 2xQRPP now. After getting Jim in AK I almost have to. One of these days I'll have to look at what I have WAS 2xQRP. I know I still need HI in that group, other than that I'm not sure what I have in the way of cards.

>Man, wasn't 40 trash??? QSB there was almost as bad as the QRM. Heard
>N9NE on 40, but he disappeared into the QRM. Would have been cool to work
>him on 40/20/15.

40 was the pits last night. I got you, and KF4VTM there and that was it. The only reason I got KF4VTM was I asked him to QSY down there for me - I figured that was worth the club points alone. My real plan yesterday was to run on 40 and ask everyone to QSY down to 80 afterwards. But I didn't get one answer to my CQs there. I figured with the later start 40 would be a lot better. But then I missed a some due to the family bit.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
<http://www.qsl.net/wd3p/>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 08:16:17 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
<ncarc@qth.net>
Subject: [116283] N0RC webpage changes
Message-ID: <002301c1907b\$c40c4480\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

This is a courtesy post for those who may have book-marked pages on my website:

<http://www.qsl.net/n0rc/> (aliased as <http://www.n0rc.com/>)

I've deleted significant amounts of content, and re-designed the home page.

If you depended on content that is no longer available, contact me, I may be able supply the deleted information from backups.

One new item on the home page that may be useful to some: The X-ray flare and Geomagnetic storm monitor from maj.com.

Happy Holidays
73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:19:01 -0600
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: "'kc4iyd@yahoo.com'" <kc4iyd@yahoo.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116284] RE: Straight Key Night 2002 anyone?
Message-ID: <01C19049.DB1B5B20.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The "trouble" with SKN is that there's lots of stuff you can graft on to it. So what to do?

My favorite thing is to haul out the boatanchors and warm 'em up. I'll be using my HT-40, VF-1, Drake 2B, Johnson Matchbox and J-38. "Night of the Living Boatanchors"

I'm sure many on this group will be doing it with QRP. I noted that there's also a proposal to "rock around the clock" and use crystal control. (I think this is in conjunction with SKN, right?)

Anyway to answer your question more directly--this is an easy one because

it's not really a contest--you just make regular QSOs. I'd generally call "CQ SKN" though, and the summary also suggests that you substitute SKN for RST when giving your report. So say SKN is 569, for example.

It's a 24 hour deal and starts at 7 PM EST New Year's Eve. Complete description at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/skn.html> .
"Formal" time period is 0000 to 2400Z, 1/1/02

You don't score points, but you can submit a list of stations worked and vote for best fist and most interesting contest. I'm not sure what frequencies to use--we'll just have to listen around. Near QRP freqs would probably be a good starting point.

CU There.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

[The coolest SKN QSO I've had was one that crossed the millenia two years ago. In QSO with my straight key and boatanchors as the year 2000 rolled in.]

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Rabel Hall [SMTP:kc4iyd@yahoo.com]

Anyway, I'm looking for general suggestions from those of you who have or will be participating in SKN. Stuff like... how to start (I know calling CQ will be one answer), what frequencies to listen in on, etc. I intend to start practicing on the morse machine to get my speed up.

Thanks and maybe I can contact some of the you on this list.

Nancy
kc4iyd/8

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 08:45:53 -0700
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116285] Re: re-stringing receiver dials
Message-ID: <20011229.084554.-356779.0.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Antique Electronic Supply has dial cord in the
medium/heavy .040" part number S-M74-25 for
\$4.25 per 25 ft length, and Standard Thin .028"
S-M75-25 for \$3.95. Their website is:

www.tubesandmore.com
or 480-820-5411

6221 S. Maple Ave.
Tempe, Az 85283

They also have glowbug and boatanchor
electrolytics and other parts for such equipment.

73

Ray

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M,
NARTE-NCT2r SOC#78 qrp-arci5784 --
El Paso (Far West), Texas

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 10:52:25 -0500
From: "Bill Dittrich" <rwddittrich@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116286] Arg 505 mod
Message-ID: <LAW2-F6uCBcKfExvWvq00011663@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hello,

Has anyone ever modified a TT Arg 505 for an adjustable RF power output? I've
got the manual here somewhere (looking...chuck that here, chuck that there)

but am interested if someone has already done it and has it working.

73 Bill

ARRL

PS. Got the PCS500 dig scope plug on box for computer. Just for kicks, hooked it up to my antenna using the spectrum analyzer, adjusted my Ant Tuner for the bands I set it at... SpecAn showed nice peaks at those freqs ... nice toy!

Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at <http://explorer.msn.com/intl.asp>.

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:01:45 -0700
From: "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116287] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <F134sJRUh101GW1B1Zj00013300@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hi All,

Thanks a bunch for the cap-tips. I found the hot one and replaced it! Now she sounds pure DC again(for awhile?). Sounds like I should replace all of 'em from some of the opinions I've stirred up.

Now, if I only can tame this guy down to QRP level plus add Wayne's(NB6M)keying circuit I'll be set SKN.

The HW-16 power adjustment currently is from the 300Vdc supply line they tap in a 15k pot to a 47k resistor to ground. The PA's screen is tied the pot's wiper. This arrangement only gives me 40-60w adj.- not much in the QRP range here!

I would prefer to get it down to at least <5w. Ideally, from zero to 5w but probably not practical with this old tube rig. Maybe if I pulled the final and wired the 6CL6 straight thru to the tank circuit? But this doesn't look too clear cut with the bandswitching and all? How about reducing the drive from the 6CL6? Anyone QRPed a HW16?

Thanks, Steve/n0tu

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:09:30 -0500
From: Kenneth Hoglund <hoglund@wfu.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116288] Rock Around the Clock Special Stations
Message-ID: <3C2E310A.B210EF92@wfu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

The news you've all be waiting for! Thanks to the willingness of a lot of great rig designers and promoters to take some time on a day of and get their classic rigs on the air, we have a fine array of "special stations" to try and find during "Rock Around the Clock."

Recognized Special Stations for Rock Around the Clock

Each station has agreed to be on for at least 2 hours during the event. Some maybe on for longer. Since a qso with these stations is a mega-multiplier, we ve asked them to keep the qso s short in order to give the largest number of ops a chance at working them.

Call	Rig	Op
AD6A	SMK-1 prototype!	Dave Fifield
AE4IC	Knightsmite	Bob Kellogg
KA8MAV	Tiny Tornado	Brice Hornback
N2APB	YTBN*	George Heron
N8ET	Kanga Oner	Bill Kelsey
W5JAY	Ft. Smith TT2	Jay Bromily
WA8MEA	Peanut Whistle	Bill Lauterbach
WE6W	Pixie	Ed Lowanger

*YTBN=Yet to be Named!

The event mother ship will be the following:

W4WS The Original Tuna Tin by Doug DeMaw (TNX ED W1RFI!) multiple ops will seek to keep it on the air round the clock ; The GPQRP Club gratefully

Acknowledges the help and use of club station from the Forsyth County Amateur Radio Club. Hey they have a 70 foot high 40m beam; we re Gonna fill the ionosphere with milliwatts for the event! Plans are to

Stay on 40m around the qrp watering hole of 7.040.

Working any of these special stations provides a 1,000 multiplier to the points from qso. So if W1AW works W4WS with a 3 minute qso, that distance (559 miles) times length of time (3) or 1677 points. But wait---W4WS is a crystal rig which allows a multiplier of 5, or 8,385 points. But wait--- W4WS is also a special station for this event which allows a multiplier of 1,000, or 8,385,000 points!

Anyway, you get the idea! This will be fun--and remember, just submit a log, any kind of log (1 qso even) and you get a participant certificate: more wallpaper!

A reminder: Rock Around the Clock is being run in conjunction with Straight Key Night. Rules may be found at <http://www.wfu.edu/~hoglund/Roc.htm> The basic point is to maintain as long qso with as far away a station as you can! And of course, control those frequencies with a "rock" (i.e. crystal) and send that sweet code with the straight key of your choice.

What way to begin the New Year!

73

On Behalf of the Greater Piedmont Qrp Club
Ken KG4FGC

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:20:34
From: "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>
To: n0tu@hotmail.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116289] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <F147SRk0vxefHGYR8jE0001283e@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I'm glad you found the hot cap! It was ready to let you know which one it was soon by exploding and squirting goop all over the place. To reduce

power... put the 47K resistor between B+ and the pot and then ground the end of the pot. You will then be able to take the screen down to 0 volts and that will cut the power way down. I have a nice DX-60 putting out 0 to 10 watts using a trick like that.

73/72 - Mike WA8BXN

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:23:23 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: <brickle@pobox.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116290] Re: Correction! Re: N4HY, AB2KT...0500Zxxxx 1700Z
Message-ID: <003f01c19085\$236e8420\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Any word on the status of this event?

I just checked Wilmington, DE WX, low 40's & snow showers.

Happy Holidays
73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

----- Original Message -----
From: "brickle" <brickle@pobox.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2001 7:02 AM
Subject: Correction! Re: N4HY, AB2KT...0500Zxxxx 1700Z

> W2AGN writes to correct my morning arithmetic. Make that
> 1700Z. Mother told me never to post anything before the
> second cup of coffee.
>
> The date is right, though :-)
>

> 73
> Frank
> AB2KT
>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:32:29 -0500
From: nilsbull@juno.com
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116291] The 40-9er project & more tiny radio stuff
Message-ID: <20011229.113238.-143941.1.nilsbull@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
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Gang,

There's a scene in "Blazing Saddles" where the character known as Gabby gets up and rants about the invasion of the town by hired thugs. When he's done, one of the other citizens gets up and says something about "authentic frontier gibberish."

So here I am, gone to Roger's yesterday & got what I thought was every capacitor I'd need to do these three radio projects (the 40-9er, the W7BBX mini rig from 1974 & my own version of Jeff Anderson's 9-volt battery box radio) and comin' home to see I missed getting the 22 pf caps & ALL the inductors. All of 'em. For all three radios.

No problem. Andy wants me to take him to the book store so he can spend his Christmas gift gift card.

Except the plan is for him to go see the Tolkien movie again, this time with his mother.

No problem. I can go to Roger's by myself.

Except I get today in the mail from Germany a copy of the most recent QRP-Report, a picture of the K2 CW filter board on the cover. I flip through the pages through & an article about a CW filter on the MAX275 IC based, and another article about a 40m receiver of Larry Stambaugh (WB0RMT) come upon. And also an article about a 40m transmitter by Alois St ckl (DL8RAM), that with the receiver very easily would go. Or go would. Once I get past that first clause, I forget what the verb's supposed to be.

So I switch back to English grammar -- for what it's worth -- and think

"Dagnab scallywaggin' fishy-floppin' cracker-croakers!" (while visions of Gabby flash through my head). Now I have two more dagnab fishy-floppin' weasel-tailin' badger-sniffin' hippy-dippy nicky-nackies to think about.

And one of 'em is SMD stuff!

Man, I gotta go back to drinkin'. At least there I can get intervention.

The total now is three DCR/trx boxes, one in a salvaged medical instrument box made out of machined aluminum (two in Altoid's tins, should I be that bizarre [sidelong glance at C. Weedhead Greaser, which is another western movie]) with two PCBs, one in hand, and these two other circuits what I just discovered in German, with two PCBs needed (should I go that way).

Better hope it gets warm quick so I won't be inside stuck with these projects my mind playing with!

Really, Alois' circuit is pretty cool, even SMD'd. And that gringo, Larry, well you know about them. I'm almost tempted to try my patience or become a patient with stuff like this around. I mean, some of this stuff is the kind of technical info that I used to drool over in Ham Radio Magazine. More ideas for unoccupied minds, yes. But at least we's thinkin'.

Someone sent me a mail once said "A deranged mind is still an active mind."

What? Why you guys lookin' at me? What?

73

Nils

. . . should I take a radio to my brother-in-law's digs to play SKN for a minute or so? will his family think I'm weird? would it make any difference if they did? (& from the movie Greaser's Palace: [Kookoo]: "Why don'tcha, C?" [Greaser]: "I'm not bizarre enough.")

Nils R. Bull Young -- El Gringo Errante -- La Estancia de los Guajolotes
Sonrientes

W8IJN -- <http://www.geocities.com/nilsbull/w8ijn>

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Oct 1917

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From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116292] Re: Help: Need new logging laptop
Message-ID: <F151N0spmEMuxT6TZyi000118d6@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: "Mark S. Adams, P.E." <msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu>
>Reply-To: msadams@acsu.buffalo.edu
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: Help: Need new logging laptop
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:45:07 -0500
>
>Hi Gang,
>
>During a nice run in the RAC last night, the HD on my Compaq 486/SL25 died.
>Time to replace with a newer model.

You should be able to get a used replacement drive for it quite cheaply.
Computer fairs here in the UK usually have stands selling them.

I got a second-hand IBM Thinkpad 560 quite cheaply some months ago. The case is a bit cracked in places, but it works OK. I had to download drivers from IBM and Xircom for Win98 and a network PC card, but they were easy to find, and I got a CD-ROM I/F for it. The display isn't TFT, but it isn't too bad.

Leon

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Date: 29 Dec 2001 07:07:33 -0500
From: Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116293] Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <1009627655.6123.17.camel@localhost.localdomain>
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Mime-Version: 1.0

On Fri, 2001-12-28 at 22:33, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

> Joel.

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> this world of give away's. I know I like it, but then I am old and
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> up against any new extra for technical competence! The new extras
> know a lot about new modes, but not a lot about being hams!

As someone licensed in 1984, I take issue with this. I think everyone should be upset at your post, Bruce. Why? This sort of elitism discourages and drives away newcomers. Instead of bashing them (and me, for that matter, since I'm not "old" enough by your standards) how about elmering them?

To me, your attitude is exactly what ham radio is *not* about. Let's build people up, teach them, and help them improve their skills rather than driving them away.

-Caity
KU4QD

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:28:47 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116294] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <01122912284717.03589@CC2289974-A>
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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> KU4QD

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Oh my God! Here I am agreeing with Bruce. Come on, Caity, a ham who claims to be "Extra" class shouldn't need Elmering! If he does, then there is something wrong with the licensing structure, or, as I am fond of saying, he got his license from his brother-in-law. Novices (now deceased) should be the ones that need "elmering" to bring them up to higher classes.

Alas, many of today's "Extras" are like today's College graduates, functionally illiterate!

This isn't "elitism." If an individual claims the title of "Extra Class," then it is certainly not elitism to expect him to have the knowledge associated with that class.

John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@pobox.com
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>
Trustee: W3IYQ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:28:42 EST
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [116295] Nuther source dial cord
Message-ID: <61.18860c9f.295f574a@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

http://www.oselectronics.com/ose_p85.htm

Alan KB7MBI in Woodinville, WA
FISTS 5702 Proud member of ARRL

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:30:32 -0500
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>, <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116296] Updated DXCC List
Message-ID: <002a01c1908e\$84acd6c0\$21dd1b41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi Gang,

Any body know where I can get an updated DXCC List?

The list the ARRL supplies does not have the 'M' calls
that England is using. Wonder what else might be missing.

<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>

-Diz, W8DIZ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 09:39:38 -0800 (PST)
From: Gil Kellersman <gilkell13@yahoo.com>
To: ku4qd@qsl.net,
 Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116297] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <20011229173938.24812.qmail@web13906.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Caity, WELL PUT! I have been a Ham since 1960 and
frankly I would WELCOME ANY new Ham with open arms

regardless of what his or her license level might be. Maybe this person needs to spend some time with young kids and try to encourage them into the Hobby. It would certainly be a more fulfilling and productive way to spend one's time. We don't need negative people in this OR any other hobby. Happy New year! Gil

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> KU4QD

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From: Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>
To: w2agn@pobox.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116298] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <1009629922.6123.20.camel@localhost.localdomain>
Content-Type: text/plain
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> license from his brother-in-law.

OK, let me rephrase my statement. Stop bashing anyone licensed in the
last 25 years.

> Alas, many of today's "Extras" are like today's College graduates, functionally
> illiterate!

Great. Let's tar and feather everyone who graduates college nowadays.
Are you a hiring manager? Have you been recently? I have been, in a
highly technical field no less. We have some incredibly bright and well
trained people coming out of college today, yet statements like this
bash them all.

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> it is certainly not elitism to expect him to have the knowledge associated
> with that class.

Correct. However, stating (as Bruce did) that most hams who received
their Extra Class license after 1975 aren't worth as much as the older
Extras is, in fact, agism and elitism. I can pass a 20 WPM code test
this very instant if you care to administer it. How many old timers who
hold Extra Class licenses cannot? A large percentage, I dare say. I
passed my Extra when 20 WPM wasn't even required any more, but I wanted
to do more with QRP and guess where my code speed went?

I'm in my 40s, so I'm not exactly young any more. Still, I get offended
at this sort of attitude by some (not many, not most, just a small vocal
percentage) of oldtimers who get on the air or on a list like this and
pontificate and claim that all of us who came after them are so much
riff raff. Enough!

Imagine a newly licensed Tech who is working on upgrading to General and has developed some inkling that he or she might be interested in QRP. They find this list. Tell me, are we encouraging them or driving them away?

I resubscribed to this list yesterday. I see it was a mistake. You guys (and it is always a few guys without exception) are great at driving me off. My time is better spent on the air.

My last word,
Caity
KU4QD

Novice - 8/84
Technician - 9/84
General - 7/86
Advanced - 2/93
Extra - 5/00

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:50:27 -0500
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>
Subject: [116299] FS:Spectrum Analyzer by W7Z0I/K7TAU
Message-ID: <001301c19091\$4d334d70\$21dd1b41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi All,

I have for sale a 90 percent built SA.
No longer have a need for it.
All boards are built and tested.
Actually have the device working, without shielded modules.
Started building an enclosure and mounted all pots.
Actually have the device working, without shielded modules.
All documentation included.

First \$75.00 gets it (includes shipping)

-Diz, W8DIZ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:43:48 -0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116300] AppCAD RF design software
Message-ID: <DAV44rAncMvgRFLqVei000099bc@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Agilent (formerly HP) has AppCAD, a nice free RF design software package on their web site:

<http://www.semiconductor.agilent.com/cgi-bin/morpheus/wirelessDesignTool/>

It's obviously intended primarily for microwave design, but there is a very useful utility for doing BJT and FET bias calculations. It agrees fairly well with the simplistic technique I use with BJTs, which is gratifying. 8-)

73, Leon

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Leon Heller, G1HSM leon_heller@hotmail.com
http://www.geocities.com/leon_heller
Low-cost Altera Flex design kit: <http://www.leonheller.com>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:57:48 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: w8diz@fpqrp.com,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116301] Re: Updated DXCC List
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20011229175302.00bc8f78@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Generally there are two lists. The first just lists the "official" prefix and the county. The second list links all the unusual prefixes to the "official" list. That list contains the other prefixes assigned to the county, and also includes a list of specific calls that were assigned to the county.

KG4 is assigned to Guantanamo Bay, however there are stateside KG4 calls. The second list will contain the calls that have been used in Guantanamo Bay. That way you can link the call to the county.

The first list only contains K for the US prefix. The second list covers the A, N, and W calls.

So you need both lists to get the full story. My recollection is that both lists are available at the ARRL site.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD

At 12:30 PM 12/29/2001 -0500, w8diz wrote:

>Hi Gang,

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>Any body know where I can get an updated DXCC List?

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>The list the ARRL supplies does not have the 'M' calls

>that England is using. Wonder what else might be missing.

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><http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>

>

>-Diz, W8DIZ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:59:37 -0500

From: "Bill Dittrich" <rwdittrich@hotmail.com>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [116302] Re: Arg 505 mod

Message-ID: <LAW2-F64nk8rXwTyDcc0001181d@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Thanks! Simple enuf.

73

Bill

ARRL

>From: Steve <n4ey@arrl.net>

>There is a CW Drive pot on the rear panel. Just turn it

>down to reduce power on CW.

>Steve, N4EY

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Send and receive Hotmail on your mobile device: <http://mobile.msn.com>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:05:27 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116303] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <01122913052719.03589@CC2289974-A>
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

On Saturday 29 December 2001 07:45, Caitlyn Martin wrote:

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> I resubscribed to this list yesterday. I see it was a mistake. You
> guys (and it is always a few guys without exception) are great at
> driving me off. My time is better spent on the air.

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Well, if someone disagreeing with you drives you off the list, I am sorry.
Particularly sorry if every time someone disagrees with you in life you feel
the necessity to run away. It must have been a tough 40+ years!

John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@pobox.com
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>
Trustee: W3IYQ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:18:46 -0500 (EST)
From: Stephan Greene <sgreene@patriot.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: hfpack@yahooogroups.com, FT817@yahooogroups.com,
NoVAQRP List <NoVaQRP@topica.com>
Subject: [116304] Vacation portable - not! [LONG]
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10112291145310.18825-100000@tzion.greene.lan>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hope everyone had/has/is having a happy holiday season.

We just returned from a 2 week cruise+land vacation in Hawaii (belated present to my wife and we planned this trip a LONG time ago). I brought the FT817 and MP-1 and I had hoped to get some operating time in from the ship and from the hotel. Score vacation 1, radio 0:

- I didn't bother while on the ship - too busy doing other things. Best location for an MP-1 type antenna is aft on Deck 13 near the helipad - the railing is accessible as a mount and you are out of the way. Deck 7 (promenade) might work if you stay out of the way of the walkers and joggers. Outside cabins on Decks 8 and higher have balconies, so those might work as well and would evoke fewer questions.

- I didn't bother during the shore excursions - we came to see Hawaii.

- I tried a few times from our hotel without success. I expected the 12th floor balcony location for the MP-1 would really help. No problems from the hotel and my kids enjoyed being able to pick out our room from the street (I left the base mounted and brought in the coil and stinger). Mounting and tuning the antenna is quick.

Did you know that there is a LOT of RF noise in Wakkiki? S7-S8 at times. At all hours of the day and night. Bands I hoped would be jumping (20, 17M) weren't (to the extent I could hear ANYTHING). No joy on hearing the 2230Z hfpack net on 18.157, either. So I decided to forgo playing with radios and enjoy all the other things going on in "paradise". BTW, hearing WWV buried UNDERNEATH a clear WWVH is, uh, "different".

There's an opportunity for a mini DX-pedition in style - the NCL Star's new itinerary includes a 1/2-day stop at Fanning Island (Eastern Kirbati/Line Islands - T32). Recip licensing appears straightforward but requires advanced application through the main island (Tarawa). From the limited data I found on various web pages, it wasn't clear to me how applications on islands other than Tarawa and Christmas were handled. Since this process needed to be started well in advance and I hadn't thought about it until a few days before we left, I did not bother and left the 817 in the cabin. We had very little time on the island anyway (limited tenders and we were on a late tender ashore). I saw what I think were a local ham's antennas - a dipole and a 4 element wire beam aimed at Australia. Pix when I get them off the camera. AC power is by small generator - I'd rely on batteries and solar if possible.

The ship visits weekly. Some people were getting off at Fanning to do bonefishing and diving for a week, so a more organized visit (with comfortable, albeit \$\$ travel before and after) appears feasible. Something to think about if you want to be semi-rare DX (T32 is 152 on the

DXCC most-wanted list) for a few hours-up-to-a-week.

The island, especially the lagoon, is very pretty. There is little local economy to speak of that I could see. But while poor, I did not see the squalor or open begging I've seen in Mexico and on Caribbean islands. The people are very friendly and I understand they are mostly literate - they are simply a long way away from ANYWHERE and have few economic resources. A small rust-bucket freighter and several sailing yachts were moored in the lagoon. Nearest international airport is on Christmas Island.

The islanders appear very excited about the prospect of weekly visit of 2400-2600 tourists and are even naming new facilities after the cruise line. NCL appears to be putting some money into facilities on the island, but I wonder what the place is going to be like a year from now. [Or worse for them, what happens to them if NCL were to stop coming - all it takes is amending or waiving the "Jones Act" cabotage laws. NCL can eliminate the 1200 mile round-trip to and from Fanning and replace the equivalent of 4 days "at sea" at 23 knots in rough waters with more and longer port calls in Hawaii.]

The MP-1 and small self-contained QRP rigs travel really well. A rubbermaid container holds the rig, keyer, mike, and VHF/UHF whip. A travel toilet kit bag from Target holds the MP-1, feedline, notepad, ZM-2 tuner, Super CMOS II keyer, and additional stuff. Copies of license and callsign on outside of both just in case.

A few comments on security since that subject comes up quite frequently. I packed the ham gear in Rubbermaid containers in our checked luggage. No problems at Dulles, Honolulu, or at cruise ship check-in.

Security at Dulles has few visible changes from before 9/11. Perhaps 6AM on a Saturday helps. My HT was packed in our carry-on luggage and there were no questions raised about it.

Cruise line security is VERY strict - no visitors in the terminal buildings, multiple ID checks, 100% x-ray screening (I watched my checked bags go through) at embarkation and 100% screening of passengers and all carry-on packages at all port calls. The cruise personnel gives a damn, is polite but thorough, and manages to process 2400 people pretty quickly.

Security at HNL appears quite good. The combination of mandatory agricultural product screening for departing passengers and enhanced airport security makes for a fairly thorough (to my eye) check. And they are still fast and professional. Other airlines/airports should take note.

Finally, the "suspend delivery" features on qrp-1 and the yahoo-based group lists works quite well.

72 & 73,
Steve
KA1LM [not /KH6].

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:20:28 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <KE4IOF@ke4iof.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116305] Re: [OT] History of Incentive Licensing
Message-ID: <20011229182140.NGOA18093.imf07bis.bellsouth.net@[192.168.0.21]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 12/27/01 9:05 AM, Mark Andrews (KE4IOF) at KE4IOF@ke4iof.com wrote:

>I'm a relatively new Ham (Licensed Dec. 1993).
>
>How did changing the licensing system in the 1960's manage to kill off 90%
>of the school clubs?

Well, I'm a relatively new Ham too (Licensed November 1975), so I didn't actually live through it, but this is how the story has been told:

In the 50s and 60s, many schools had thriving radio clubs. Most hams entered amateur radio through this route -- they got interested and joined a club.

In those days, there were nominally four classes of license. The Novice was CW-only in subbands on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters. Crystal control only, 75 watts input. It lasted for 1 year, and was not renewable. In other words, you had to upgrade at the end of a year, or you were no longer licensed. Technician was much the same as today -- everything above 30 MHz, but remember there were no repeaters and equipment for VHF and UHF was not plentiful. General (and Conditional) conveyed pretty much all privileges, unless you wanted to operate funky modes like SSTV or FAX, in which case you needed an Extra. There were also a lot of older Class A licensees who were grandfathered (class B was General).

All exams (except for Novice) were restricted to FCC offices. Getting to an office was a major ordeal for much of the country, so the FCC also had a program to give exams remotely (the Conditional).

So, if you were a school student, if you managed to get past your General (or Conditional) you pretty much had free reign of all the bands.

Then came incentive licensing.

The ARRL was unhappy that more hams weren't upgrading to Extra. They felt that to improve the radio art, hams had to get higher-class licenses. So, they petitioned the FCC to change the licensing structure.

In doing so, they removed the bottom 25 kHz of the low HF bands to Extra only, and yanked away half of the General (Conditional) HF phone frequencies.

And here's the kicker -- THEY DID NOT GRANDFATHER EXISTING LICENSEES.

You see, many folks felt they had EARNED their privledges on those bands. They'd gotten their licenses, and had been using certain frequencies for years. Overnight, they were restricted from much of the bands the were accustomed to use.

Needless to say, many hams got pissed. Rather than upgrade, many quit ham radio altogether.

Incensive licensing had a two-fold effect, none of which was anticipated by the ARRL proposal:

- * School clubs failed. Rather than have access to all frequencies by getting a General, students perceived the Extra as been too great an obstacle. Those who would otherwise be interested in amatuer radio fell away. Without membership, these clubs collapsed. Amatuer radio stopped growing.

- * Ham Radio manufacturers failed. In addition to the problem of amatuer radio ceasing to grow (it had been growing 10%/year for two decades previous -- after incentive licensing -- only 1%/year, if that), the market was flooded with lots of used equipment sold by those who had given up. Many of the long-time radio manufacturers failed at this time: Hammarlund, Hallicrafters, National, EF Johnson (they just closed their Amatuer equipment line), etc.

In short, Incentive Licensing poisoned the growth of amatuer radio. It has never recovered. Ham radio got a lift from the CB boom in the late 70s and early 80s, as many CBers got their licenses. Every regulatory change since then has attempted to offset the effect of incentive

licensing.

Look where we are today. Much like in the mid-60s. Since the Novice is pretty much superfluous today, we have nominally three classes of license: Technician, General, Extra. We're back where we started.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:24:34 -0500
From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: "qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU" <QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU>
Subject: [116306] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <005201c19096\$11d12d60\$2c984d0c@tom>

Bruce Muscolino wrote:

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"... I would put any "old" extra, from say before 1975, up against any new extra for technical competence! The new extras know a lot about new modes, but not a lot about being hams!"

Caity, KU4QD, replied:

"As someone licensed in 1984, I take issue with this. I think everyone should be upset at your post, Bruce. Why? This sort of elitism discourages and drives away newcomers. Instead of bashing them (and me, for that matter, since I'm not "old" enough by your standards) how about elmering them?

To me, your attitude is exactly what ham radio is *not* about. Let's build people up, teach them, and help them improve their skills rather than driving them away."

Here Caity goes again!

I, for one, am not upset in the slightest with any aspect of Bruce's statement; nor do I think I should be. I do not conclude that Bruce's statement might drive away any newcomer. Also, I do not believe that Bruce's statement is "blasting any newcomer" of anyone else.

Insofar as I can recall, Caity never posts anything on QRP-L except as a direct, personal; attack at another individual. In this instance it appears that Caity is, as always, assuming that a statement that refers to a large group constitutes a personal attack on herself. I bet that Bruce never for a microsecond thought of Caity at any time when forming his posted opinion, or when he drafted his note.

Bruce concludes, no doubt correctly, that the vast majority of hams who acquired their "Extra" before 1975 are more technically competent than the vast majority of hams who acquired their "Extra" subsequent to 1975. I quibble with Bruce's opinion only because it is overinclusive. There are probably a small percentage of hams who acquired their "Extra" subsequent to 1975 who have more technical competence than some who acquired their "Extra" before 1975.

Tom, N1TP
Naples, Florida

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:26:10 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116307] Re: [OT] University Clubs
Message-ID: <20011229182638.0IGY6105.imf26bis.bellsouth.net@[192.168.0.21]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 12/28/01 8:37 AM, Henry Freedenberg at henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu wrote:

>There is no amateur radio club of any sort at FSU (30000+
>students) but it hasn't been for lack of trying. One of the EE profs
>(W9PBA) found the money to put up a tribander and purchase a
>751 several years ago. He could not interest any of the
>undergrads. Computer engineering is the EE specialty of the
>decade...no one wants to do RF design.

When I went to GA Tech 20 years ago, there was a very active club. Their
own repeater, station with a TH6DXX and dipoles, two solid-state rigs,
amps.

Biggest inhibitor to activity was all the security precautions. Getting
in the shack was an ordeal unless you were a club officer.

W4AQL is still on the band in many contests, so I suppose there are a few
club members still.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 10:27:39 -0800
From: "Dennis Morales" <dennismo2@home.com>
To: "QRP-L List" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116308] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <000e01c19096\$7fd145c0\$dae195ac@c3wb0>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

<Oh my God! Here I am agreeing with Bruce. Come on, Caity, a ham who claims to be "Extra" class shouldn't need Elmering! If he does, then there is something wrong with the licensing structure, >

Yes, there is something wrong with the new Licensing Structure! But there is something even more wrong with those of us that promote "Extra Class" class distinction! Many of us lamented on how this new system was going to be the end of Amateur Radio as we knew it! And guess what? By agreeing with Bruce, who I think is a great guy, by the way; and promoting the ... "I am a better Extra than the new Extras" way of thinking is just adding fuel to the demise of this wonderful hobby. It is a Self-Fulfilling prophecy!

When it is all said and done, when we all look back and say "what happened to our great hobby of Amateur Radio", it would not have been the Licensing system that brought it down, it was a change in the "Amateur Radio" spirit and arrogance of those who are pointing fingers and putting the newcomers down because they got to Extra Class by following the FCC rules for which they had no control over! Too bad and so sad!

I got into this hobby because of the wonderful folks that I met at our local Radio Club's Field Day in 1997. I guess that makes me one of those "... functionally illiterate!" Extras. But I had a choice! I could have stayed out of the hobby altogether and avoided the "Them vs. Us" BS, but like it or not I am in it and I think that I can speak for a lot of us late comers, if not all, that you old timers are going to just have to live with it and get over it! There is plenty of room for all.

73 es God Bless de Denny AD6EZ <><
Goleta, CA

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 10:33:37 -0800
From: "- hamhobby.com -" <k7fd@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116309] Re: [OT] History of Incentive Licensing
Message-ID: <F58ZG29hnqDrV0y9Q0b0000de55@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever learn to spell!"

It's AMATEUR radio, not amatuer radio. Sorry, but when the basics get missed it's hard to comprehend the details...

73 John K7FD

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 18:36:22 +0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: leon_heller@hotmail.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116310] Re: AppCAD RF design software
Message-ID: <F186sMmCh1rRCS6AK0b00011ac2@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
>Reply-To: leon_heller@hotmail.com
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: AppCAD RF design software
>Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:43:48 -0000
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>Agilent (formerly HP) has AppCAD, a nice free RF design software package on
>their web site:
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><http://www.semiconductor.agilent.com/cgi-bin/morpheus/wirelessDesignTool/>

Sorry, Agilent won't let me use bookmarks. Try a search for AppCAD from the above page and you'll find it.

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MSN Photos is the easiest way to share and print your photos:
<http://photos.msn.com/support/worldwide.aspx>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:37:09 -0700
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, n0tu@hotmail.com
Subject: [116311] RE: Finding a BAD filter cap?
Message-ID: <20011229.113711.-356779.3.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Steve

Here is the hw16 qrp mod info in case one wishes to do it
before the SKN activities and other qrp glowbug events.

The qrp mod calls for installation of a dpst switch, or a dpdt can be
used,
mini-type from Radio Shack, and most are mounted just to the left of
the dial escutcheon centered over the area between the drive and
rf gain control. If you look at the diagram for the final, you will
see the screen voltage comes in to a pot R1 and is in series with R2
to ground. Take your lead from the top of R1 which is the screen,
and move the ground of R2, in effect reversing the R1/R2 positions
giving a greater adjustment on the screen of the 6GE5, reducing the
power to less than 5 watts and adjustable down to 250mw using the
drive control.

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hw16 qrp mod - below dpdt switch with connections to the
resistor and level pot. Switch is placed (on my unit)
equidistant between the rf gain and level control.

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cover)
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          level pot and switch rear view
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The mod is also in Ade Weiss's Joy of QRP.

73

Ray

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Ray Colbert,W5XE,00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M,

NARTE-NCT2r SOC#78 qrp-arci5784 --

El Paso (Far West), Texas

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 10:47:33 -0800
From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116312] Nice start on Stew Perry 160m Contest
Message-ID: <MABBJOEABOILMKCJCLFCCEEECPAA.n6wg@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
          charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Got on the air at the start at 7AM left coast time. Heavy rain all morning, detuned my antenna. Will have to tweak the L network when the rain eases off. Worked the first hour with the other "early risers". At 8AM, everyone seemed to decide, that's enough for now, and the signals pretty much all disappeared.

Wound up with 18 calls in the log, mostly up and down the coast. Nothing much east of CA this morning. Tonight things should pick up. Did catch Vic, K2VCO, but he's in CA.

Come on in, the water's fine.

See you all tonight in the contest.

73, Bob N6WG/qrp

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:46:45 -0700
From: "Brian P. Mileschosky" <n5zgt@swcp.com>

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To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116313] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <004401c19099\$2b4012e0\$e204b8d8@hlw11>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hi All,

I gotta respond...

> Oh my God! Here I am agreeing with Bruce. Come on, Caity, a ham who claims
to
> be "Extra" class shouldn't need Elmering! If he does, then there is
something
> wrong with the licensing structure, or, as I am fond of saying, he got his
> license from his brother-in-law. Novices (now deceased) should be the ones
> that need "elmering" to bring them up to higher classes.

Until you no longer ask yourself or others, "why is that?", "how does
that work?", "why won't it work the way I want?", "why does it work that
way?", "what can I do to make it better?", etc., you will need elmering,
regardless of license class, years in the hobby, involvement in the hobby,
what degree you have, or what kind of genius you are.

Let me elmer you now. I'm an Extra, and I always have questions like
these to ask. Does that mean I got my license class from my brother in law
or there's a problem with the licensing structure? Only to you and others
like you. To me, the answer is no, because all of the kits, equipment,
modes, innovations and abilities brought forth in Amateur Radio wouldn't be
around today if it weren't for these questions and the need for everyone to
be elmered at one point or another.

> Alas, many of today's "Extras" are like today's College graduates,
functionally
> illiterate!

I won't touch this one, as I'm set to graduate as an EE next December.
But I will counter that statement above by saying that attitudes like yours
and people like you are what's killing Amateur Radio as we all know it. Not
the band threats, antenna restrictions or easing of requirements to get into
the hobby. People like you.

I recommend you and others lose the attitude, and give back to the hobby
that has given so much to you, because I'm sure the person you looked up to
for help and information while getting situated in Amateur Radio (in your
case, probably your dad) was happy to help you without whining about what

you could and couldn't do, what you should and shouldn't do. Return the favor by taking another newbie under your wing and elmering them. Or how about getting one of the young ones in your family or neighborhood interested and licensed. Since you don't need to be Elmered as the Extra class ham "smart-guy" you claim to be, you will certainly have a huge impact on those newbies and youth through imparting that great knowledge of yours.

72,
Brian, N5ZGT

Amateur Radio Station N5ZGT - N5ZGT PBBS, 145.01 MHz
ARRL Life Member, NorCal #1700 QRP-L #580 AK/QRP #125

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:50:27 -0500
From: Jim Stiles <jjstiles@optonline.net>
To: w8diz@fpqrp.com,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116314] Re: FS:Spectrum Analyzer by W7Z0I/K7TAU
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.2.20011229134848.02f196b8@mail-hub.optonline.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

At 12:50 12/29/2001 -0500, w8diz wrote:

>Hi All,

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>I have for sale a 90 percent built SA.

>No longer have a need for it.

>All boards are built and tested.

>Actually have the device working, without shielded modules.

>Started building an enclosure and mounted all pots.

>Actually have the device working, without shielded modules.

>All documentation included.

>

>First \$75.00 gets it (includes shipping)

>

>-Diz, W8DIZ

Hi Diz:

I'll Take it, How do I pay you??

I couldn't get through on the fpqrp line..

73 Jim W2NJN

P.S. Sorry for the bandwidth

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:47:28 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: Caitlyn Martin <caitlynmaire@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116315] Re: land grab etc..ants.
Message-ID: <3C2E0FC0.E37A0B51@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Caitlyn,

There you go again, shooting without looking. There is nothing wrong with newbies, we all were newbies once! What I said was the older extras might enjoy a little quiet time, something you obviously know nothing about! What is wrong with having something to work for? Get the extra and then you can join us!

73

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:52:05 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: ku4qd@qsl.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116316] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <3C2E10D5.975BC7DB@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Caitlyn,

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> Correct. However, stating (as Bruce did) that most hams who received
> their Extra Class license after 1975 aren't worth as much as the older
> Extras is, in fact, agism and elitism. I can pass a 20 WPM code test
> this very instant if you care to administer it.

>

There is more to having an extra license than just passing a 20 wpm coed
test. I would wager that any extra, and most others who have operated
CW almost exclusively for the past 25 or 46 years can pass the code
test. It also implies knowing something about radio theory, more than
just what the Elmer series teaches. That is where I see the problem!

73

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:57:57 -0500
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116317] Re: FS:Spectrum Analyzer by W7ZOI/K7TAU
Message-ID: <009001c1909a\$bb2015d0\$21dd1b41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

the SA is SOLD! TNX to all respondants.

-Diz

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:58:51 -0600
From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: rod@n0rc.com
Subject: [116318] CW: not just for nostalgia buffs
Message-ID: <200112291858.fBTIwpD30264@okcforum.org>

On Monday, December 24, Rod N0RC remarked:

> A few individuals will always practice CW for nostalgic reasons.

While this is true, it doesn't go far enough. To suggest that CW's
only valid reason for hanging on is its nostalgic appeal, is to sell
it short. The fact is, people will continue to use CW for a variety

of reasons:

- The simplest transmitters can send CW.
- CW is among the more efficient modes (albeit no longer the lone king).
- CW helps bridge the language barrier.
- CW is enjoyable in its own right, apart from its place in history.
- Relying on skill rather than technology may enhance personal satisfaction.

It is true that some hams enjoy CW in much the same way they might enjoy collecting antiques or studying history, but I'm sure a lot more of us would find CW appealing whether it had any historical significance or not.

As time marches on, and more and more modes become available to hams, it only makes sense to assume that things will spread out a bit--that the number of hams using each mode will drop as the number of available modes increases. It is only logical. However, logic does not suggest that the earliest modes must necessarily become obsolete. Many hams will probably continue to find short, un-modulated carriers for test purposes useful for generations to come. Likewise, many of us will probably continue to find CW useful and enjoyable. Some of those (but not all of them) will find it appealing for mostly nostalgic reasons.

Beyond a doubt, some of us will continue to use CW because, quite simply, it is a very useful, enjoyable mode with some unique advantages.

73,
Jim WB5UDE

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:02:34 -0800
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: <ku4qd@qsl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116319] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <007601c1909b\$60c776e0\$f112f4d8@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Caity and all,

In my humble opinion, the problem lies not with the new operators, but with the fact that anyone can get the Extra class pretty easily these days, and it's spawning a whole new generation of "Extra Class" operators that don't even know how to build a Dipole! I'm not just

making a blind statement either, I have met several local hams that have the Extra that don't understand a thing about radio, and yes I have no problem elmering them, but it looks kind of funny since I'm only a mere General Class Op, Hi! I see no reason for myself to upgrade to Extra. It doesn't mean anything anymore. I could study over a weekend and get it. To me, having the Extra Class should mean that you are not only technically knowledgeable, but that you also have acquired lots of on-the-air skills that can only be acquired through experience. I think that it's wrong that a newcomer to the hobby can just walk in, take a 5 WPM CW test, and a couple of relatively easy "Multiple Choice" tests and be considered the cream of the crop!

And yes, it WAS the "Elite" license class, so I totally understand Bruce's and all of the other op's feelings that got it "The Hard Way"! The only benefit now is a few little chunks of the bands that I can't use as a General. As easy as the tests are today, it really doesn't show anything about the skills of the operator. The only reason I'd upgrade is if with the new band restructuring they take big portions away that I use now. BTW I'm not an Old Timer, just 34 years here and licensed at age 13, so I got in there after the first restructuring, but I think that making the license easier to obtain to acquire more operators is inviting disaster. It'll be just like the CB Bands, and I don't think that any of us want that kind of a mess! Just my humble opinion.

72/73's

Trev

KG6CYN

----- Original Message -----

From: Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2001 4:07 AM

Subject: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)

> On Fri, 2001-12-28 at 22:33, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

> > Joel.

> >

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> > this world of give away's. I know I like it, but then I am old and
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> elmering them?

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> build people up, teach them, and help them improve their skills rather
> than driving them away.

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> -Caity

> KU4QD

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:08:22 -0500

From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>

To: ku4qd@qsl.net

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [116320] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)

Message-ID: <3C2E14A6.DDF3AE1D@wagner-usa.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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> for that matter, since I'm not "old" enough by your standards) how about
> elmering them?

Bruce's statement is *exactly* the "vocal minority" I was alluding to in
a past post.

Yes, putting down newcomers to the hobby shows how much someone knows

about being a Ham now, doesn't it? Gee, where does one sign-up for crotchety lessons?

Thankfully the majority of hams are not like this. I'm also thankful that I talked with an old-timer while I was studying for the Tech license who warned me about this sort of thing before I got licensed. When I got my Tech ticket he was tickled pink for me, and even more so after upgrading to General. He taught me the right way to encourage others - I can only imagine what Bruce might say to a perspective ham; "it's a great hobby, but you'll never be as good as me, so there."

If someone in this hobby wants to feel important about their rank, I urge them to join the military or the boy scouts, otherwise drop it.

73 es HNY,

John, N1Q0

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> build people up, teach them, and help them improve their skills rather
> than driving them away.

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> -Caity

> KU4QD

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John Wagner - john@wagner-usa.net

Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:06:47 -0800 (PST)

From: Chuck Carpenter <W5USJ@go.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [116321] [OT Trade] HW-8 for DX-40 or -35

Message-ID: <4593193.1009652807740.JavaMail.W5USJ@gomailjtp04>

MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Folks,

Would like to trade an HW-8 (with PS) in fair working condition for a DX-35 or preferably a DX-40 also in fair working condition. HW-8 has manuals.

Also interested in separate deals -- that is, sell HW-8 and buy DX-40 or DX-35.

Manuals not needed but would like them for DX transmitters.

Chuck, w5usj, Point, Rains Co TX EM22cv

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:21:47 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: john@wagner-usa.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116322] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <3C2E17CB.2B2D6DA3@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> "it's a great hobby, but you'll never be as good as me, so there."

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REALLY? Exactly where did I say that? I think my record stands on its own merits - I was a co-founder of FDIM, I have wrote for the QRP ARCI magazine for several years, I ran the ARRL's QRP web column for the first year. Where did I ever say that I didn't like newcomers? Your hatred is showing, and it doesn't look good!

Newcomers are just fine. They should be treated like small children until they prove themselves able to sit at the big table with the adults! This is best done by parenting, and some studying on their part!

73

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:29:05 -0800 (PST)
From: Chuck Carpenter <W5USJ@go.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116323] Bashing Post 1975 Extras
Message-ID: <1638452.1009654145693.JavaMail.W5USJ@gomailjtp04>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

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Boy, that hurts.

I didn't get the Extra until 1988. I was first licenced as a generalin 1955 and upgraded to Advanced in 1975. Didn't have an interest in Extra until I took an interest in chasing DX.

As a VE, I'm aware that many today pass the Extra by memorizing the answers. I'm also aware that, with a little encouragement, these same folks will learn what its all about over time anyway.

Having been in the business since the mid 50s, electronics and RF in particular isn't a problem for me. Times have changed and it's a digital world now. The new folks need encouragement and direction to learn what RF electronics is all about. Very few people get started and work up from a crystal set anymore.

Chuck, w5usj, Point, Rains Co TX EM22cv

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:56:07 -0500
From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
To: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116324] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <3C2E1FD7.2AE4E6A2@wagner-usa.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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You didn't. Which is why I said "I can only imagine..."

and it was in response to this:

> Also, I would put any "old" extra, from say before 1975, up
> against any new extra for technical competence! The new extras know a
> lot about new modes, but not a lot about being hams!

Which you did say.

So I posited with; "I might imagine..." which isn't much of a stretch
given your previous blanket statement. If you say it's a stretch, fine,
but given your statement I don't see you giving new hams much credence.

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> magazine for several years, I ran the ARRL's QRP web column for the
> first year. Where did I ever say that I didn't like newcomers? Your
> hatred is showing, and it doesn't look good!

I don't hate you Bruce and do appologize if I've given you that
impression. I also don't question your qualifications, your many notable
achievements or your contributions to this hobby.

I do question your blanket statement about new Hams not knowing a lot
about being hams though. I also question your motivation behind making
such a statement. Such a statement belittles and insults a lot of people
and there is no need for it.

> Newcomers are just fine. They should be treated like small children
> until they prove themselves able to sit at the big table with the
> adults! This is best done by parenting, and some studying on their
> part!

Like "small children?" Doesn't sound to endearing to me...

73,

John, N1Q0

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> 73

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:02:36 -0600
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116325] RE: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <01C19071.78F4D520.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

-----Original Message-----

From: W2AGN [SMTP:w2agn@pobox.com]

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>Oh my God! Here I am agreeing with Bruce.

Yep, that should have been your first clue that you have a problem, John.

>Come on, Caity, a ham who claims to
>be "Extra" class shouldn't need Elmering!

Aw, come on John. Any ham, engineer, or specialist in ANY field who isn't still learning and doesn't recognize his need to learn--even on his retirement day--has gone stagnant and is deluding himself into thinking that he knows it all.

>Alas, many of today's "Extras" are like todays College graduates,
funcionally
>illiterate!

Hardly worth a comment--the old "old versus young" saw. Practiced at both ends of the divide: "You can't understand this, you are too old" / "You can't understand this, you are too young." At least it's comforting to know that there are nitwits at both ends of the spectrum.

>This isn't "elitism." If an indivual claims the title of "Extra Class,"
then
>it is certainly not elitism to expect him to have the knowlege associated
>with that class.

I expect that he was able to pass a slightly harder version of a standard, multiple choice exam. No more, no less. The technical errors proffered by certain "old" extras on this list and elsewhere oughta tell you something about whether being an "old" extra makes one infallible or not.

I usta live in Missouri, and I always enjoyed being able to say, "I'm from Missouri." Meaning--Show Me. Don't tell me about your certificates, your degrees, your fifty years of experience. If you can do it, do it! If all you can do is wave around your certificates and tell of your years of

experience, then I suspect you lack confidence. And probably for good reason.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

[All references to nitwits, blowhards and know-nothings are theoretical. Any resemblance to real persons, especially those posting to QRP-L, is strictly coincidental.)

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:10:49 -0500
From: "res0okec" <res0okec@verizon.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116326] RE: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <001701c190a4\$e8e2d2a0\$4e883f04@vz.dsl.genuity.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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 charset="iso-8859-1"
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If I claim to be a wise man,
It shurly means that "I DON'T KNOW"

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:25:29 -0800
From: Michael Fletcher <kl7ixi@attbi.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116327] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <B85366B8.A902%kl7ixi@attbi.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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The Wisdom of Will Rogers:

* Never miss a good chance to shut up.

He may not have been a ragchewer, but sometimes he has good advice.

72,
Mike KL7IXI/7

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:59:04 -0500
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116328] Re: mWatt Contest
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20011229125904.007a9410@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I had sorta hoped to get on for this event, but the operating hours weren't the best for those of us who have to at least make a pretense of working during an afternoon weekday. Though getting into a qso during the day is a good way to ensure the phone starts to ring and customers start coming in the door! I understand why those hours were picked, but the low level of activity shows not everyone is retired or had the week off!

72,
Steve, KD1JV
"Melt Solder"
White Mountains of New Hampshire
<http://www.qsl.net/kd1jv/>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:42:17 GMT
From: jsielke@pobox.com (John Sielke)
To: w6toy@erols.com
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116329] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <3c2e2a4d.6620049@mail>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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With emphasis on the "study on their part." Why is it people expect, nay, demand, to be spoon-fed and when someone attempt to wean them, that someone is at fault?

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John L Sielke W2AGN=20
w2agn@pobox.com
http://www.qsl.net/w2agn
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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:38:18 -0500
From: Hank Kohl <k8dd@arrl.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116330] Michigan QRP Club Contests
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.2.20011229153643.025a96b0@mail.arenet.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I hear there may be two dates out regarding the MI QRP Club January CW contest. The web page has just been updated to reflect the 2002 dates for our CW sprints/contests as published in The 5 Watter.
<http://www.qsl.net/miqrclub>

2002 Contest and Sprint Rules

January CW Contest - 1200Z 01/19/02 to 2359Z 01/20/02
Memorial Day CW Sprint - 2300Z 05/27/02 to 0300Z 05/28/02
July 4th CW Sprint - 2300Z 07/04/02 to 0300Z 07/05/02
Labor Day CW Sprint - 2300Z 09/02/02 to 0300Z 09/02/02

All MI-QRP Club contests/sprints are run under the rules below.
All contests/sprints will be run on 160 thru 6 Meters (no WARC bands).
All amateurs are invited to participate.

CLASSES: A - 250 milliwatts or less output. B - One watt to 250 milliwatts output.
C - Five watts to one watt output. D - Over five watts output.

EXCHANGE: RST, QTH (State/Province/Country) and MI-QRP Membership Number (non-members send power output).

SCORING: Stations may be worked once per band for QSO points.
All member contacts are 5 points.
Non member contacts in W & VE are 2 points.
Non member DX contacts outside W & VE are 4 points.
Multiply total QSO Points, on all bands, by the total number of states/Provinces/Countries worked on all bands for total points. Each S/P/C

counts on each band worked. U.S. & Canada do not count as countries.

BONUS POINTS: Total points may be multiplied by 1.25 for home brew RX or TX w/commercial RX or TX combinations.

Multiply by 1.5 for a total homebrew station. Home brew = any kit or home made gear, it is not necessary for you to have built it yourself.

AWARDS: Certificates awarded by class for high score in each state/Province/Country.

A legible, chronological log is required. Please include your name, call, address, equipment description and Power output . Results will be printed in the next available T5W. Final decision on any contest matters rest with the contest manager.

E-mail logs are encouraged.

E-Mail Logs to: n8cqa@att.net

Snailmail logs to:

L. T. SWITZER, N8CQA

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ROYAL OAK, MI 48073-2521

Log and entry sheets available for an SASE to the above.

A MI-QRP.CRT file is available for the NA contesting program, contact N8CQA.

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 20:47:40 GMT
From: jsielke@pobox.com (John Sielke)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, fpqrp-l@mpna.com, njqrp@njqrp.org
Subject: [116331] Keys
Message-ID: <3c2f2b28.6839053@mail>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

To take a break from the Crotchety Old Goat bashing. (An organization of which I am proud to say I hold membership #3).

=46or those that care, I made a little web page of my key collection. Note the straight keys....that should be a hint that I was joking before about the straight key posts.

<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn/keys.html>

We now return to your regularly scheduled flame wars.

John L Sielke W2AGN=20
w2agn@pobox.com
http://www.qsl.net/w2agn
=20

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:49:14 -0500
From: "Tim A. King Jr." <iflyos@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116332] No choice....
Message-ID: <F126UcOV1EetVoMDrxx0000e968@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Gang,

as much as I hate to, I have no choice. I lost my job over hte Christmas holiday, and along with that, I lost my apartment as well (It was part of my compensation package for the job.) Because of this, I will not have reliable internet access for some time. I am forced to suspend my subscription to QRP-L. I have learned alot from all of you, and I hope to return to the list as soon as I find a job and a place to live. Keep your fingers crossed for me, and keep me in your prayers as well...

I will maintain my IFLYOS@hotmail.com email address, so if you want to email me, feel free...I just cannot say when I will get a chance to check it, but I will get back to you.

73 and best wishes for the new year,

TIm, KG4MQD

Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at <http://explorer.msn.com/intl.asp>.

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:55:59 -0500 (EST)
From: wb0wao@hotmail.com (Dennis Ponsness)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116333] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <22075-3C2E2DDF-565@storefull-267.iap.bryant.webtv.net>
Content-Disposition: Inline
Content-Type: Text/Plain; Charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7Bit

MIME-Version: 1.0 (WebTV)

Hey,

I LIKE sitting at the kiddie table.... I dont have to have manners
and I dont have to listen to stories about prostate surgeries!

72 es oo

Dennis - WB0WAO

"Proud Extra Since March 2001"

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:02:27 -0700
From: "Steve Galchutt" <n0tu@hotmail.com>
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116334] Grateful HW-16 student!
Message-ID: <F171LjlcHxfxJuvW3Nl0001377b@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

BIG Thanks all you ELMERs!!

I've got my HW-16 singing a pure sweet DC note at .7 - 7 watts. (maybe just
a lil' whoop but that adds flavor, CU on 7039.4 KHz on/SKN)

Thanks to you all! This student is most greatfull!

AND BTW I don't care WHAT CLASS ticket you hold you're all first class in my
book! You Elmers and students that is. Instead of defending what class
ticket you own YOU'RE the kind of individuals this list is known for - The
"quiet majority" who have a real LIFE and are busy enjoying this great hobby
on the air when they can. But who still will find and make the time to help
a fellow ham. Answering questions and giving advice to the best of their
knowledge. Now that's my definition of an "extra" class or somebody who has
"class" and the sign of first class 'ham' radio op. Regardless of the their
damn paper work!!!

You're my true fellow QRP kindred spirits ...Happy New Year to you ALL (OK,
even those who boast their "extraness" - extra WHAT is what I wanna know?!)

Steve/n0tu

Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at <http://explorer.msn.com/intl.asp>.

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:11:39 -0500
From: kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [116335] re:Keys
Message-ID: <a05100300b853e186694a@[216.221.130.114]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

try this instead:

<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn/keys.html>

To take a break from the Crotchety Old Goat bashing. (An organization of which I am proud to say I hold membership #3).

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<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn/keys.html>

We now return to your regularly scheduled flame wars.

John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@pobox.com
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:18:20 -0500 (EST)
From: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
To: "qrp-L@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116336] QLF of the Mind
Message-ID: <20011229161311.J80094-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Just a passing comment to all on the list who:

Bash the new extras,

Bash the new comers,
Bash the cw ops,
Bash the ssb ops,
Bash the digital ops
Bash ----- fill in the blank

Remember that each one of the above that you drive away from our ranks with your well-thought-out, even-handed, helpful, fraternal and inclusive snotty posts may prove how damn smart you are....but it doesn't do squat for the hobby.

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
<http://www.baltimoremd.com/>
<http://www.baltimorehon.com/>
<http://www.zerobeat.net>

Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster
Baltimore's Home Page
Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
Home of The QRP Web Ring
and Drake Mail List Pages

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:22:30 -0500
From: "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
To: <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116337] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <001b01c190ae\$ec9b6240\$99a4fea9@robertpa>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ok really what is the fuss!

Arguing about is frugal.

Let's just let it die!

It's the New Year so let's all start a new.

Really what's important is how you feel personally on this topic.
Be true to yourself and never let anyone sway you in a direction you don't feel comfortable in following.

There is no need to defend either's position. It will only continue with allot of push and shove and wasted BW.

To all Happy New Year,
Robert
VE3RPF

----- Original Message -----

From: Tom <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2001 1:24 PM
Subject: Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)

> Bruce Muscolino wrote:
> .
> "... I would put any "old" extra, from say before
> 1975,
> up against any new extra for technical competence!
> The new extras
> know a lot about new modes, but not a lot about
> being hams!"
>
> Caity, KU4QD, replied:
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> "As someone licensed in 1984, I take issue with
> this. I think everyone
> should be upset at your post, Bruce. Why? This
> sort of elitism
> discourages and drives away newcomers. Instead of
> bashing them (and me,
> for that matter, since I'm not "old" enough by
> your standards) how about
> elmering them?
>
> To me, your attitude is exactly what ham radio is
> *not* about. Let's
> build people up, teach them, and help them improve
> their skills rather
> than driving them away."
>
> Here Caity goes again!
>
> I, for one, am not upset in the slightest with any
> aspect of Bruce's
> statement; nor do I think I should be. I do not

> conclude that Bruce's
> statement might drive away any newcomer. Also, I
> do not believe that
> Bruce's statement is "blasting any newcomer" of
> anyone else.
>
> Insofar as I can recall, Caity never posts
> anything on QRP-L
> except as a direct, personal; attack at another
> individual. In this instance
> it appears that Caity is, as always, assuming that
> a statement that
> refers to a large group constitutes a personal
> attack on herself.
> I bet that Bruce never for a microsecond thought
> of Caity at any time
> when forming his posted opinion, or when he
> drafted his note.
>
> Bruce concludes, no doubt correctly, that the vast
> majority
> of hams who acquired their "Extra" before 1975 are
> more
> technically competent than the vast majority of
> hams who acquired their
> "Extra" subsequent to 1975. I quibble with
> Bruce's opinion only because
> it is overinclusive. There are probably a small
> percentage of hams who
> acquired their "Extra" subsequent to 1975 who have
> more technical
> competence than some who acquired their "Extra"
> before 1975.
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> Tom, N1TP
> Naples, Florida
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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 13:32:58 -0800 (PST)
From: Bill ROWLETT <kc4atu@yahoo.com>
To: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116338] Re: QLF of the Mind
Message-ID: <20011229213258.20596.qmail@web14205.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Oh I do like the way some people put things. Well
said.

I find that I do what I was taught to do many years
ago, just consider the source.

73 and happy 2002

Bill KC4ATU

Do You Yahoo!?
Send your FREE holiday greetings online!
<http://greetings.yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 11:37:23 -0500 (EST)
From: n2go@arrl.net
To: Trevor Jacobs <fxtech@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116339] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0112291127540.222-1000000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Don't believe it! Ham tickets were never that difficult to get.
I sat for the license at the FCC office when I was thirteen. I tutored a
twelve year old one saturday. In one week he was ready to upgrade from
novice to General. I was fourteen at the time. Yes I have the old
Extra.(BFD)

Whenever I want to make a dipole antenna or any antenna for that matter;
I open the handbook and read the formulas for cutting the wire. It ain't
rocket science. The new modes and digital stuff are more complicated
than the old tickets were. Don't believe any of this crap from these old
bitter guys.

You can view the list for a period of time for yourself. You will see

where the piss and vinegar is flowing.

73,

Jim n2go

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:37:18 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116340] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <01122916371802.02369@CC2289974-A>
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

On Saturday 29 December 2001 16:22, ZOOM wrote:
> Ok really what is the fuss!
>
> Arguing about is frugal.

FUTILE as in "You will be assimilated, resistance is futile!"

>
> Let's just let it die!
>
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ANEW....one word.

>
> Really what's important is how you feel personally on this topic.
> Be true to yourself and never let anyone sway you in a direction you don't
> feel
> comfortable in following.

Right! You just said, "Be stubborn." I can do that!

>

> There is no need to defend either's position. It will only continue with
> allot of push and shove and wasted BW.

OK, I'd probably buy that, if I understood it.

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> To all Happy New Year,

> Robert

> VE3RPF

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Happy New Year!

John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@pobox.com
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>
Trustee: W3IYQ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:40:28 -0600
From: "Rouse, Mark S." <rouse@mayo.edu>
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116341] Thanks fot the help
Message-ID: <033E407400B1D511A2840002B33B609D08F55B@excsrv13.mayo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Folks,

Thanks for all the good ideas re: my antenna question. My ohm meter on the coax read 0.00. I recovered the antenna feedline and replaced the connectors. I did not want to climb on my roof in the snow and cold to further inspect the G5RV, so I whipped up a 20M 1/2 wave dipole, mounted it from the eve of the house out to a tree in the yard. RG 8 sure is stiff in the cold! Thanks Again.

BTW, made my first ever CW contact today! Thanks for your patience WA5CHX. What fun! Gotta go make more.

Mark
KB0NKU

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 21:41:49 -0000
From: "Thom Durfee WI8W" <wi8w@arrl.net>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116342] Annual DX Competition
Message-ID: <020f01c190b1\$9f299c40\$6401a8c0@attbi.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A proposal,

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top 10 stations each year. This will be a annual
event. The annual competition will begin on
January 1 of each year.

The award will be presented each year that the
FDIM event in conjunction with the Dayton
Hamvention. The first award will be given at FDIM
2003.

You comments are welcome and I know that the Board
regularly reads this list so what say you to this
proposal.

Thom Durfee WI8W
Awards manager QRPARCI

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:48:52 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Caitlyn Martin <ku4qd@qsl.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116343] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0112291439540.2896-1000000@Daisy.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Caitlyn, I have become so tired of Bruce Muscolino that I have re-directed all his e-mail to a delete directory called /dev/null. I suggest that you simply delete everything he writes without reading it. Bruce has mental problems or is so old he cannot get his thoughts put down on paper. This message you quoted makes no sense at all.

I'm a VE Liaison and had the distinct pleasure to give a young girl all 4 elements of the Ham license and she walked out with an Extra Class license! I tried to talk her into QRP but she was not interested. Does this make her a bad person?

On 29 Dec 2001, Caitlyn Martin wrote:

> On Fri, 2001-12-28 at 22:33, Bruce Muscolino wrote:
> > Joel.
> >
> > Frankly, the old Extras might think they should have a quiet spot in
> > this world of give away's. I know I like it, but then I am old and
> > crotchety. Also, I would put any "old" extra, from say before 1975,
> > up against any new extra for technical competence! The new extras
> > know a lot about new modes, but not a lot about being hams!
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> build people up, teach them, and help them improve their skills rather
> than driving them away.
>
> -Caity
> KU4QD
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>

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:59:05 -0500
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: <wi8w@arrl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>
Subject: [116344] Re: Annual DX Competition
Message-ID: <007101c190b4\$09077040\$39d81b41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Thom et al...

Our club, the Flying Pigs are doing our own contest to see who gets
WAS and DXCC first, starting on Jan 01, 2002.
Prizes go to first place winners
http://fpqrp.com/pig_dxccwas.html

Sure would be fun and competitive if all the other clubs did something similar,
and let ARCI do a GRAND PRIZE for the first WAS/DXCC winner.

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39.218N - 84.305W
SOC-8 DLQRPAG-1454 ARCI-10226 ARS-781 QRPL-1998 10X-9389 CATT-26
FP#-1 <http://home.cinci.rr.com/w8diz> & <http://kitsandparts.com>

----- Original Message -----

From: "Thom Durfee WI8W" <wi8w@arrl.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2001 4:41 PM

Subject: Annual DX Competition

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73

Thom Durfee WI8W
Awards manager QRPARCI

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 14:56:29 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116345] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0112291450420.2896-1000000@Daisy.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

This is another ham too old or just holding a grudge against college graduates. He often agrees with Bruce when he is way out of normal bounds. This time he decided all new Extra Class Hams and College Graduates are no good.

I don't need to read this stuff so will also put everything written by W2AGN into the delete hopper. He is the second one from QRP-L that I have done this to. Bruce is number 1.

On Sat, 29 Dec 2001, W2AGN wrote:

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:08:14 -0600
From: <jfox6@houston.rr.com>

To: "QRP" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116346] OLD-NEW- Who Cares
Message-ID: <00ef01c190b5\$50610360\$9902a8c0@houston.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi to the gang,

I don't care if you got licensed yesterday or when I did.

My 62 years of electronic experience is available to anyone who asks, be it No Code, General, Advanced or Extra, or SWL... Ask! I assure you, you will be treated with respect. There are no stupid questions as far as I am concerned. If I don't know the answer right off, I know where to find it

These days, the desire to get on the air leads one to buy Commercial Transceivers, and so it should be. But after getting the feet wet, one should try and build something...I suggest a Kit. In building the Kit, surely there are some questions that arise...so ask, and you shall receive.

I am frankly tired of this Old vs. New stuff. So cool it already!

73/72

Foxy

jfox6@houston.rr.com
<http://www.qsl.net/w5hir>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:16:18 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: "Brian P. Mileschosky" <n5zgt@swcp.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116347] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0112291512330.2896-1000000@Daisy.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Way to go Brian! ARRL Life Member was a real smart idea. And glad your about to graduate in EE. Kendall is close down here at NM State also but he worked a year and that slowed him down...

On Sat, 29 Dec 2001, Brian P. Mileschosky wrote:

> Hi All,
>

> I gotta respond...

> 72,

> Brian, N5ZGT

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> -----
> Amateur Radio Station N5ZGT - N5ZGT PBBS, 145.01 MHz

> ARRL Life Member, NorCal #1700 QRP-L #580 AK/QRP #125

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> Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout 12/6/96 - ASM, Troop 85

> Vigil Honor Member, O.A. Lodge 66 Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess

>

> Please visit my site at <http://www.swcp.com/~n5zgt>

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:17:56 -0700

From: Chris Howard <chris@yipyap.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [116348] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)

Message-ID: <20011229151756.45598@amos.yipyap.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

On Sat, Dec 29, 2001 at 01:52:05PM -0500, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

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> Caitlyn,

> >

> > Correct. However, stating (as Bruce did) that most hams who received

> > their Extra Class license after 1975 aren't worth as much as the older

> > Extras is, in fact, agism and elitism. I can pass a 20 WPM code test

> > this very instant if you care to administer it.

> >

> There is more to having an extra license than just passing a 20 wpm coed

> test. I would wager that any extra, and most others who have operated

> CW almost exclusively for the past 25 or 46 years can pass the code

> test. It also implies knowing something about radio theory, more than

> just what the Elmer series teaches. That is where I see the problem!
>
> 73

How many extras in 1975 knew how to put together a repeater?
How many extras in 1975 knew anything about packet radio,
boolean logic, digital filtering, or satellite modes?

I submit there's a lot more to know now than there was then.

Chris
kc0atc

current Estes Park weather -- <http://www.yipyap.com/wscurrent.html>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:22:52 -0500
From: "Henry Freedenberg" <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116349] K-10+ Keyer
Message-ID: <3C2DFBEC.18527.EAFD15@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Anyone checked the K1EL home page recently? Looks like Steve
has discontinued the K10 in favor of the K10+. Based on the
schematic, the only difference I can see is that the newer version
has an on-board audio oscillator and an on-board 7805.

Anyone know anything about this?

Wonder how much the new kit will cost?

I have a K10 kit on the shelf that i was planning to assemble
tonight. Hmmm.....

Henry

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:41:08 -0500
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [116350] Bashing nubbies and other OT drive1
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20011229174108.0079f100@mailhost.ncia.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Oh boy, another hot button topic! I did see a full moon last night didn't I?

I'll freely admit, I memorized the Q's and A's for all the ham exams I ever took and promptly forgot most of them after the test. After all, I wanted to pass the test and I'm sure every last one of you did the same thing!

I really wish we could get past all these class distinctions and sub-band divisions. There should only be two classes of licenses, beginner and experianced. The only incentive should be a personal one to improve one's operating skills and technical abilities.

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"Melt Solder"
White Mountians of New Hampshire
<http://www.qsl.net/kd1jv/>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:45:26 -0500
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>, W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116351] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <01122917452606.02369@CC2289974-A>
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

On Saturday 29 December 2001 16:56, Karl F. Larsen wrote:
> This is another ham too old or just holding a grudge against
> college graduates. He often agrees with Bruce when he is way out of normal
> bounds. This time he decided all new Extra Class Hams and College
> Graduates are no good.

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Wrong, only college graduates that spell reciprocity, "resiprosity."

John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@pobox.com
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>
Trustee: W3IYQ

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:46:47 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116352] Re: Stop bashing newcomers (and not so new hams)
Message-ID: <004f01c190ba\$d6db5620\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hey, I'm not upset with Bruce's statement, but I do think he's being
idiotic, or worse.

It's like saying modern airframe engineers are worth a hoot if they don't
know about bamboo and silk. Yeah, important skills. Back when. But
useless in today's world except as niche craftsmen to do restorations or
reproductions. And those people still thought they were 'cutting edge'
up through the 30's.

Thing is, their skill ARE coming back, as niche stuff or as restoration.
And
even some of the techniques are being used in modern ultralites. But
HARDLY real bamboo and old fabrics!

And I've seen the EXACT SAME moanings of those people in papers
and journals from the 30's even up through the 40's with the same sorry
arguments.

Now, just replace airframe designers with 'old extras'....

Show me an "old extra" that can design a PLL circuit with a dual modulus
prescaler....

Yes, they exist, but they KNOW what the real state of the art is, not the
state of the 'classic'.

Mike

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 15:01:13 -0800
From: "blinn" <blinn@smgazette.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116353] Elmer needs help!
Message-ID: <008401c190bc\$b8132b80\$a669f040@blinn>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've committed myself to elmer a CW class starting in January. It's been a while since I've done this (70's) so I'm looking for ideas or if someone has a sucessful class stratedgy in recent use, perhaps you will share it with me.

I'm also planning a small manhattan project to go along with it... the PK-Basic keyer probably in an Altoids tin.

Thanks

Bill - WA7TQK

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Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 18:26:36 -0500
From: "Tom Pennebaker" <n4rs@netpath-rc.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116354] Hang on Caity
Message-ID: <024001c190c0\$432e1a60\$f42a1bce@pavilion>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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I resubscribed to this list yesterday. I see it was a mistake. You guys (and it is always a few guys without exception) are great at driving me off. My time is better spent on the air.

My last word,
Caity

KU4QD

Hang around Caity, this stuff is cyclical. I've been around too long darn it! I scan my emails hold what I think may be interesting and delete the rest. I frequent the low end where there seems to be less congestion and for the most part darn good ops. If you have a good fist, can rock along at 30 - 35 I'll work you and don't give a "horse's patoot" what your license class is. It's gonna be a good qso and a heck of a lot of fun...I like your last sentence, think that's one of our main problems in ham radio, too much time on the puter.....Tom N4RS

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:28:03 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116355] QRP-L Stress Redux
Message-ID: <002b01c190c0\$76b04a70\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

1. digest mode or perhaps postpone and read on the web
2. put a few email addrs in the kill file
3. eat more ketchup (I just threw that in for you PCH fans ;-)

Worked for me.

Happy Holidays
73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:33:23 -0600
From: <jfox6@houston.rr.com>
To: "QRP" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [116356] Re: Elmer needs help
Message-ID: <011101c190c1\$357c21e0\$9902a8c0@houston.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Bill;

I had been teaching Code Classes until the five word limit became a thing. If you want to get the guys and gals up to speed rather fast, send each character at a relatively high speed with long spaces in between characters. This technique has worked like a gem for my classes. The idea is to make the class avoid trying to count the dots etc. They get used to the "tone" of a character and not the dots and dashes. As the class progresses, reduce the space (time) between characters. finally you are at the speed of each character.

I hope this is clear. Try it, it works.

73,

Foxy

jfox6@houston.rr.com

<http://www.qsl.net/w5hir>

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 17:27:50 -0600
From: Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
To: lmairs@cox.rr.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116357] Re: Lettuce not... bash...
Message-ID: <3C2E5176.669@companet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Lee Mairs wrote:

> The older I get, and the more time plays out, the smarter
> Wayne Green gets

Like his promoting all that "cold fusion" idiocy, and his repeated announcements on the Art Bell-only nitwit-show that the Apollo lunar landings were faked???

Mike / KK5F

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2001 18:51:26 -0500
From: "Harry Hurst" <wa3ptg@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [116358] BS:Re: Bashing nubbies and other OT drive1 + QRP content

Message-ID: <000801c190c3\$baf18f20\$0400a8c0@home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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NOTE: QRP stuff below

Wish these guys would use a subject header BS: so I could filter 'em out easy. I have two people blocked now, if everyone would ignore their brain farts, I wouldn't have so much crap in my QRP-L folder.

By the way, I'm a general, and will stay a general. If I'm goin' to take a test, I'll get certified in WIN2000 or Linux, somethin' that will make me some money.

Jeez, y'all act like a bunch of amateurs...

QRP STUFF: Thursday was a day to remember. I was able to go into a store and buy a baggie of 2N2222As. Wow, there's an electronic parts store in Cherry Hill, NJ.! There are no parts stores left in the Lower Counties. I don't count Radio Shack as a parts store -- my opinion and I don't care about yours.

The 2222s will be used to build Tuna Tin IIs, without the fish. It will be done manhattan style, with the keyer mod. I want to try the Class E mod too. I hope to work some folks on 7122 KHz.with it. I'll be doin' my part to keep the segment CW.

I'll key the TT2 with the W7Z0I 555 keyer. It's about the same vintage as the TT2, it just seems right for the rig. I recently picked up a Vibrokeyer for the 555, and had problems with it until I bypassed the 3 paddle lines with .0022 caps. I've been using simple homebrew paddles for a few years, and never had more than 12" leads to the paddle. If you build this one, keep in mind that the 3 paddle lines are all above ground.

There is no pc board available for the 555 keyer, but it builds nicely dead bug style, or on proto boards. It will fit in an Altoids tin, I had one mostly finished, but my eyes gave out.

Now, wasn't that a lot of bull. At least it was QRP bull!

Hap, WA3PTG
Wilmington, DE

"Why, oh, why didn't I take the blue pill?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2001 5:41 PM
Subject: Bashing nubbies and other OT drive1

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